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Dear John Blabaugh

I heard through a Friend that you have some Barker History as I have been working on my Family Line's. I seem to be Stumped From my Great-Great-Grandfather back. He was David H. Barker B. Monongalia Co. West va. 1804. It was said his Father was Benjamin but I have no proof of it. My Great Grandfather was Oliver Perry Barker. He had a Sister Rebecca who married Joseph Taylor and a brother Merritt Craig, who married Gibfeah ann McCorkle.

I have a lot of History on these family's I would be glad to pay you for copy's of the Barker History you have or be glad to exchange information. If you would let me no what the cost would be and what info you need.

Yours Truly
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Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

I am a new member of the "Clay Co, geneologocal Society. I saw your query in the latest edition of the "Clay County Researcher", stating you had information on the "Barker" Family. I hope you have information on the "Barker" Im searching for.

My Great, Great, Grandmother, Hulda Treat, married W.M. Barker in 1835 in Morgan Co. Indiana. They had Thnee Children, two boys, Ja's W. and William W, One Daughter, Elizabeth.

My information shows Hulda Treat Barker married Preston Roland, also of Indiana, in1843--45. Have no imformation as to what happened to W.M. Barker. Hope you can help me.

Hulda Treat Barker born 1824 in Indiana. My info. lists Morgan Co. and Owen Co. Her father was John Treat, born 1775 in Conn. He moved from Penn. to Ohio in about 1815 and to Ind. by 1818.

The 1860 census shows Preston Roland and HuldaTreat Barker Roland and family living in Marian Co. Ark.

I would very much like to trace this side of my Family. My Grandfather, Wesley Ott, was the son of Elizabeth Barker and William Ott, Also of Indiana. William Ott was born in Clay Co. Ind in 1837. His father was John Ott from Kentucky. His mother, also from Kentucky, was a full blood Cherokee indian. In 1856 John moved his family to Marian Co. Ark. My information says they came from Terre Haute, Ind. I would like to know who John's Father was. Any Info. on this line?

Hoping to hear from you

Sincerely,

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BARKER FAMILY TREE - 1200 - 1977

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BARKER FAMILY HISTORY

The probable origin of the name Barker is believed to have started when the principal visitations of Shropshire commenced the pedigree of Barker with Randolph De Coverall who in the reign of Edward II married Margaret, daughter of Peter Pigot, of Willaston, and then passing over immediate generations (which have been supplied from the Court Rolls of the Manor of Warfield and Claverly by the industry of Mr. Joseph Morris) proceeds with William Barker, alias Coverall, who married the heiress of John Coulston, of Coulston.

The explanation of this change seems to be as follows: The manor of Calverhall, or Coverall, is in the parish of Adderly and in the time of Edward II formed part of the possession of Bartholomew De Badlesmere upon whose attainder (meaning conviction) and execution the undertenants of the manor would share in his disgrace fall.

William de Calverhall seems to have fled southward and reappeared in Warfield under the name of Le Barker, a name either derived from dealings in oak bark or from some unknown relationship with one already bearing the name; for this surname appears in the Close Roll of 12 Henry III (1327) and also as a tenant in Stanton Lacy in 1272. The name of Calverhall after being dropped by the family for more than 200 years appears to have been reassumed as an alias upon their resuming connections with the north of this county, where, besides owning land in Goulston, the possessed estates at Wolverton, Colhurst, etc., upon which the elder branches settled, while the younger branches, according to the custom of the Manor, continued to hold Aston in County Salop.

This English prologue fits in with the following information taken from the Barker genealogy by E.F. Barker 1927 and by the book Colonial Barker Families of the U.S. by Jesse Barker 1899.

In presenting the order of descent of the Barker family the latter reference is used first. It should be noted that the death dates are actually burial dates in places.

1. Randolph Le Calverhall, a tenant in fee at the manor of Calverhall from which he held from William de Dunstanville in the year of 1200.

2. William Fitz Ralph de Calverhall of Clancminister and tenant in fee of William de Dunstanville the 2nd in the year of 1219.

3. William de Calverhall, 1240-1285

4. William de Calverhall, 1284, married Alina

5. Randolph Richard de Calverhall, 1319, married Margaret, daughter of Peter Pigot of Willaston in the county of Salop.

6. William Le Barker of the town of Hallon in the parish of Warfield, Temp. Edward III.

7. Roger Le Barker of Hallon married Alice?

8. William Barker of Hallon died 13 Henry IV (1411), married Margery, daughter of William and his wife, Joan Whorwood.

9. Henry Barker of Hallon died 17 Henry VI, 1438, married Margery, heiress of Stephen Lovestick, of Hallon.

10. William Barker of Hallon prior to 4 Henry VI (1435) died of Edward IV (1480) married Ann, daughter of John Colyison Rowlowe, of Rowlowe of the county of Salop.

11. John Barker of Aston died 22 Henry VI (1443) married Elizabeth Greene, daughter of William Greene of Aston.

12. John Barker of Aston died 23 Henry VIII (1531)

13. Humphrey Barker of Aston

14. William Barker (alias Coverall) of Aston who died on 10/30/1590 first married Margaret, daughter of John Coulston, of Coulston parish. She died on 11/26/1576. Children by first married were: John, William, Francis, Randolph, and Richard.

15. Richard Barker of Aston Manor died 2/12/1609. First marriage to Joyce. Second marriage was to Mary. Third marriage was to Agnes Hatton at Claverly on 11/24/1578, daughter of Lord Heathton.

16. Richard Barker of Aston, son of Richard and Agnes Hatton Barker, bapt. 10/20/1579, died 4/25/1635, married Dorothy Whorwood, born 1593, died 11/2/1625.

17. John Barker of Aston, son of Richard and Dorothy, bapt. 4/21/~~16~~1616, married Mary ? She died 7/28/1682. Issue: Mary (1636); Elizabeth (1639); John (1641); Francis (1643); Margery (1644); Samuel *** (2/23/1648); Anne (1651); Sarah (1653); Joseph (1656); Jeremiah (1660)

18. ***Samuel Barker, son of John and Mary, bapt. 2/23/1648 at Claverly. He was doubtless the same Samuel Barker who came with William Penn to America and started the Barker Family of Delaware, North Carolina, and Indiana.

Sir William Penn had a claim upon the Government of England of 16,000 pounds. This was not settled before his death, so was inherited by his son William. In 1681, the sum was paid by granting the son large territories in North America (the present state of Pennsylvania).

In 1682, William Penn came to America on the ship "Welcome" and with him came his friend Samuel Barker, who belonged to the Society of Friends.

"Penn sailed with a hundred comrads from Deal (near Dover) in the "Welcome" on the 1st of September, 1682...He landed at Newcastle on the Delaware on the 27th of October, his company having lost one-third of their number by small-pox during the voyage." (Encylopedia Britannica, ed. 11, vol. 21, page 102.)

On March 27, 1685, a grant was made by William Penn to 200 acres of land and purchased by Samuel Barker. It was located in what is now New Castle County, Delaware, and was called Barkers Bridge. Here the homestead was built and remained in the family until the death of William Barker, a great-grandson of Samuel, in 1840.

There is no record known as yet to whom or when Samuel Barker was married. He died in July, 1720, and was buried in Old Swede (?) Churchyard in Wilmington, Delaware. Jesse Barker's history starts at this point.

The issue of Samuel Barker: Name of mother unknown.
Joseph died 1/20/175(?), married Johanna, daughter of Gov. Joshua and Mary Clayton. Daniel born 1704, died 1738; Mary, born 9/25/1703, married William Richardson.

19. Daniel Barker (second son of Samuel Barker) farmer, married Elizabeth Nichols. Issue: Born at Barkers Bridge, Delaware.

Dorcas
Robert born 1733
Elizabeth
Nicholas born 5/8/1737, died 3/24/1826
***Samuel born 1739, died 10/27/1803
John born 1741

A genealogy of the Craven and Barker Families published by the World-Courier, Bloomington, Indiana, 1913, for John W. Craven (Registrar, Indiana University) and sent to all members of the Craven-Barker-Richardson Association with the compliments of Oscar H. Craven, stated that Robert, Nicholas, Samuel, and John (sons of Daniel) migrated to North Carolina at the time Peter Craven (who came from England) Family and five other families moved to Deep River, North Carolina. Apparently this move was made a short time before the Revolutionary War as Jeremiah Barker (son of Samuel Barker) was born in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1773 and died there October 31, 1825. Also the "Ancestor's Service Roster of North Carolina Soldiers in American Revolution - N.C. - Rev. Army Accounts, Vol. 11, Book ZZ (?), page 46-73, Folio page 1 lists #444 Samuel Barker, private, Hillsboro, May 1, 1792."

20-R Samuel Barker, farmer, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Nichols Barker, born 1739 at Barkers Bridge, Delaware, died at Ashboro, North Carolina (census) 10/27/1803, married (1) Margaret Greenfield (died), married 4/25/1763, married (2) Rebecca Woolson ?

Children: born at Ashboro, North Carolina, Randolph County

Joshua born 1765
Bishop born 1767
James born 1769
Samuel born 1770
William born 1771
Jeremiah born 1773

William Barker, Sr. was born near Ashboro, Randolph County, North Carolina on October 3, 1772. He was the son of Samuel Barker and his wife, Margaret Greenfield Barker. He was a grandson of Daniel and his wife Elizabeth Nichols Barker. William Barker came to Indiana in December, 1831 (?) He died in Center Valley, Hendricks County, Indiana on May 8, 1849. He is buried just west of the Center Valley cemetery which is located on SR 39. His grave sits on the southside of a lake on a farm. William Barker's wife, Mary, died before he came to Indiana. She died in North Carolina. Their children were:

*Hannah, born 9/26/1797 in North Carolina. She married John Fox on 11/21/1820 in Randolph County, North Carolina. Hannah Barker Fox died on 7/5/1864 in Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. Her husband, John Fox, was born in 1802 in Chatham County, North Carolina and he died in Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana on 8/21/1868. They both are buried on State Road 267 about 2 miles south of Avon, Indiana in the Gossett Cemetery.

William Barker, Jr. was born 12/7/1802 in Randolph County, North Carolina and died 3/25/1876.

Robert Jordan Barker born 1810 in Randolph County, North Carolina. He married Dorcas Gossett when ? He died in Hendricks County, Indiana in 1894.

Samuel Barker. He died 3/17/1873 in Hendricks County, Indiana.

Mary Barker married Francis McDaniel.

Sarah Barker married a Toller.

John Barker

John Fox was born in 1802 in Chatham County, North Carolina. He is the son of David Fox of Chatham County, North Carolina. He married Hannah Barker (daughter of William Barker, Sr. and his wife Margaret Greenfield) on 11/21/1820 in Randolph County, North Carolina. They came to Hendricks County, Indiana in the 1820's. They settled south of Avon in Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. The house that John Fox built is still standing and it sets just south about a quarter of a mile on the east side of State Road 267 from the Gossett Cemetery. John Fox died on 8/21/1868. His wife, Hannah Barker Fox, died on 7/5/1864. They are buried in the Gossett Cemetery south of Avon, Indiana. Their children were:

Barney Fox was born 9/26/1821. He married Hannah Gossett (daughter of John and Dorcas Clark Gossett) on 9/26/1841. He died 1/18/1894 and is buried in the Gossett Cemetery.

*Mary Greenfield Fox was born 11/21/1822 in Randolph County, North Carolina. She married Nathaniel Walton Gossett (born on 12/23/1820)(son of John and his wife Dorcas Clark Gossett) on 7/21/1840. She died on 10/23/1910 and her husband, N.W. Gossett died on 10/28/1903. They are buried in Macedonia Church Cemetery which is located in the Northeast part of Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana.

Elizabeth Fox was born in 1824. She married a Williams. She died 9/23/1852.

William Fox was born in 1826. He died 2/23/1846.

Alfred Bishop Fox was born in 1828. He died 10/25/1886.

Nathaniel Walton Gossett's mother was Dorcas Clark.* She was the daughter of Samuel E. Clark (son of Samuel and his wife Elizabeth Bennett) and his wife Rachel Brattin (daughter of John). Samuel E. Clark was an officer in the American Revolution. N.W. Gossett's father was John (son of Thomas and Sarah Walton Gossett). He was born on 7/21/1778 and he married Dorcas Clark on 7/21/1803. He died in Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana on 2/6/1847. *Dorcas Gossett was born 4/18/1782 in Randolph County, North Carolina and died on 4/21/1852 in Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Gossett

Cemetery south of Avon, Indiana. Nathaniel W. Gossett was a Methodist circuit rider in and around the Hendricks County area. Children of N.W. Gossett and Mary Greenfield Fox Gossett were:

(1) Thomas A. Gossett was born 12/21/1841 in Hendricks County, Indiana. On October 29, 1865, he married Nettie M. Combs (daughter of Levi and Lucinda Smith Combs) in Hendricks County, Indiana. He died 3/15/1899 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana.

(2) John B. Gossett was born 11/13/1843. He died 11/6/1879. He married Matilda Beeman on 4/12/1866.

(3) Mary E. Gossett was born 5/14/1846. She died 5/10/1928. She married George Turley on 10/26/1865.

(4) Nancy Ellen Gossett was born 9/18/1848. She died in 1942. She married John Brumfield on 8/29/1880.

(5) Cynthia A. Gossett was born 1/7/1851. She died 3/3/1935. She married John Shanklin on 3/22/1874.

(6) Hannah L. Gossett was born 9/20/1853. She died 3/13/1892. She married Benjamin Combs on 12/25/1873.

(7) Nathaniel Clark Gossett was born 1/28/1856. He died 12/23/1932. Never married.

(8) Emma Victoria Gossett was born 8/22/1858. She died 5/12/1942. She married Oliver M. Fordyce on 11/13/1882.

(9) Alva Brook Gossett was born 4/16/1861. He died 3/29/1925. He married Eva Lovett on 11/12/1890.

(10) America Etta Gossett was born 5/19/1863. She died 10/10/1937. She married Charles Bragg on 2/27/1887.

(11) Albert Ames Gossett was born 1/28/1866. He died 1/5/1879.

(12) Clara Belle Gossett was born 10/23/1868. She died ? She married William H. Hamilton on 10/26/1890.

Thomas Asbury Gossett, son of Nathaniel W. Gossett and his wife, Mary Greenfield Fox. He was born 12/21/1841 in Hendricks County, Indiana. He died on 4/15/1899. He was a Civil War veteran having served in Company I, the 7th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He joined the 7th Indiana in September of 1861. He was captured the first time by the Confederate Army at the battle of Port Republic on June 9, 1862. He was released by the Confederates in early September of 1862. He was at the battles of: Antietam, September 16-17, 1862; Battle of Fredricksburg, Virginia, December 12-15, 1862; Chancellorsville Campaign, April 27-May 6, 1863; Battle of Chancellorsville, May 2-5, 1863; Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1-3, 1863. He was again captured by the Confederates on November 13, 1863 at the battle of Mine Run, Virginia. He was a prisoner of war until November of 1864. He was in Libby Prison in Richmond and later in Andersonville prison, Georgia. He was released from military duty in early 1865. He married Nettie Maria Combs on 10/29/1865 in Hendricks County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Levi Combs and his wife Lucinda Smith Combs. Lucinda Combs' parents were Hugh Smith and Mary Smith (maiden name was Wilson) both of Avon, Indiana. Hugh Smith fought

in the War of 1812 from the state of Ohio. Mary Wilson Smith's father was Benjamin Wilson who served in the American Revolution from the state of Maryland. Benjamin Wilson's wife was Hannah Morrison and they were married in Harford County, Maryland. Benjamin Wilson is buried in Nicholas County, Kentucky and his wife Hannah is buried in Hendricks County, Indiana. Hugh Smith and Mary Wilson Smith were married in Nicholas County, Kentucky. Nettie Maria Combs was born 5/14/1843 in Hendricks County, Indiana and died in Jamestown, Boone County, Indiana on 11/3/1899. She and her husband are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana. Their children were (all are buried in IOOF Cemetery, Jamestown, Indiana):

(1) Carrie Effie Gossett was born 8/12/1866. She died 3/1/1941. She married Joseph Lamb.

(2) Louie Belle Gossett was born 1/24/1868. She died 1/7/1945. She married John Camplin.

(3) Edward Everett Gossett was born 11/7/1869. He died 6/22/1938. He married Effie May Long.

(4) Orian Otis Gossett was born 2/22/1872. He died 1/11/1940. He married Fannie Barringer.

(5) Omer Ulysses Gossett was born 8/4/1874. He died 2/21/1947. He married Effie Groover.

(6) Arrie Pearl Gossett was born 8/9/1878. She died 2/4/1942. She married Andrew Leroy Houk (son of Leander T. and his wife Alice McClary Houk) on 6/19/1898 in Hendricks County, Indiana.

(7) Carl Asbury Gossett was born 12/25/1881. He died 9/29/1934. He married Mary Feathers.

Andrew Leroy Houk was born 4/26/1875 near Brodhead, Rockcastle County, Kentucky. His parents were Leander Thomas Houk and his wife Alice E. McClary. His grandparents were James F. Houk and his wife Mary Hayes. James F. Houk's parents were Frederick and his wife Elizabeth Reden Houk. His grandparents were Nicholas and Sarah Mouser Houk. Nicholas Houk served in the American Revolution from the state of North Carolina as a private. Nicholas Houk was born in 1740 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and died in Rockcastle County, Kentucky on 8/6/1841 and is buried in the Renfro Valley Cemetery which is located about 2 miles north of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on U.S. 25 on the west side of the road. Also buried in the Renfro Valley Cemetery are Frederick and Elizabeth Houk, Mary Hayes Houk, wife of James Houk, William Hayes and his wife, Jane Rucker Hayes, who were the parents of Mary Hayes Houk. Alice E. McClary Houk's parents were Andrew and his wife Susan W. Rawlings McClary. Her grandparents were Franklin and his wife Martha Kincade McClary. Alice E. McClary Houk's maternal grandparents were Moses and his wife Susannah Cox Rawlings.

Leander T. Houk and his wife Alice, along with their family, moved to Jamestown, Indiana on 3/18/1889. Andrew L. Houk married Arrie Pearl Gossett on 6/19/1898 in Hendricks County, Indiana. They were married by Reverend Nathaniel Walton Gossett, grandfather of the bride. Arrie Pearl Gossett Houk was born in Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana on 8/9/1878 and she died 2/4/1942 in Marion County, Indiana. Andrew L. Houk died 11/13/1964 in Boone County, Indiana. They are both buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana. Andrew L. Houk became

an insurance agent in 1900 and continued in that profession until his death in November of 1964. Their children were:

(1) Ruth Irene Houk was born 2/7/1899. She died 2/28/1940. She married Dennis C. Smith. They had 1 daughter, Betty Jane Smith, who died very young. Ruth Houk Smith and her daughter are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Jamestown, Ind.

(2) Russell Leander Houk was born 3/20/1901. He died 8/10/1909. He is buried at the IOOF Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana.

(3) Andrew Keith Houk, Sr. was born 2/11/1915 at 205 East Main Street, Jamestown, Indiana. He married Georgia Lucille Cummings while serving in the United States Navy in San Diego, California on 7/10/1945. Georgia Cummings Houk was born on 2/26/1920 in Putnam County, Indiana. She is the daughter of Sherod and Ethel Wilson Cummings. Her paternal grandparents were George Washington Cummings and his wife Lucy Ann Pritchard. Her maternal grandparents were Emmit Wilson and his wife, Rosetta Benson. Andrew K. and Georgia L. are both insurance agents in the agency that was started by Andrew K. Houk, Sr.'s father in 1900. They now live at 141 West Main Street, Jamestown, Indiana. Their children are:

(1) Sherry Sue Houk was born 4/25/1946 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She married Thomas Weldon Gee, Jr. of Houston, Texas (son of Thomas Weldon Gee, Sr. and his wife Emmaline Fischer Gee) on 1/9/1975 in Pattaya, Thailand. They are now residing in Houston, Texas.

(2) Andrew Keith Houk, Jr. was born 4/12/1950 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He married Susan Lynne Hart of Martinsville, Indiana on 10/11/1975. Susan L. Houk is the daughter of Leroy Edward and Martha Joan Lewis Hart. Her paternal grandparents were Berle Leland Hart and Edith Susie Burt. Maternal grandparents are Henry Muriel Lewis (now deceased) and Lora Lauretta Jackson Lewis Day of Bedford, Indiana. Andrew K. Houk, Jr. and his wife now reside at 205 West Main Street, Jamestown, Indiana.

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AN ADDITION TO HOUK'S "BARKER FAMILY TREE"

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The purpose of this manuscript is to expand the Houk family's fine work "The Barker Family Tree - 1200-1977" to include other members of the Barker family who settled in Indiana. This paper starts with Nicholas Barker, the son of Daniel Barker #19 in the Houk manuscript.

1. Nicholas Barker was born on 8 Mar 1737 at Barker's Bridge, Delaware. He was the son of Daniel Barker and Elizabeth Nichols. He married Hannah Allen, the daughter of John and Phebe Allen of Chester Co. PA. Nicholas died 24 Mar 1826 in Randolph Co. NC. Issue:

Emey or Amy	b. 19 Jan 1764
Elizabeth	b. 15 May 1766
Abner	b. 11 Aug 1768
John	b. 7 Apr 1771
Isaac	b. 4 Dec 1773
Enoch	b. 6 Sep 1776
Nicholas	b. 11 Sep 1779

2. Abner Barker was born 11 Aug 1768 in Guilford Co. NC. He was the son of Nicholas Barker and Hannah Allen. On 26 May 1791 he married Lydia Osborn, the daughter of Matthew and Mary Osborn. They moved to Hamilton Co., IN sometime before 14 Nov 1832 when they appear in the minutes of the White Lick Friends meeting. Issue:

Nathan	b. 29 Apr 1792
Mary	b. 24 Nov 1793
Hannah	b. 23 Oct 1795
Ruth	b. 1 Nov 1797
Phebe	b. 24 Apr 1799
Nicholas	b. 24 Jan 1802
Allen	b. 10 Mar 1804
Matthew	b. 1 Aug 1806

3. Allen Barker was born 10 Mar 1804 in Guilford Co. NC. He was the son of Abner Barker and Lydia Osborn. On 1 Sep 1836 Allen married Katherine Raines, the daughter of James and Margaret Raines. He died in Clay Co., IN in 1882. Issue:

Frances	b. 1838
Benjamin	b. 1839
Lydia	b. 1841
Mahlon	b. 7 Aug 1842
Margaret	b. 24 Aug 1845
Isaac	b. 1847
Nicholas	b. 1850

Note: Margaret Barker married Jacob Hoffman and lived in Clay Co., IN. She died 7 Mar 1931 in Clay Co., IN and is buried in the Harpold cemetary in Vigo Co., IN.

4. Mahlon Barker was born in Hamilton Co. IN 7 Aug 1842. He was the son of Allen Barker and Katherine Raines. He was married on 16 Nov 1865 in Clay Co. IN to Jane Herron, the daughter of James Herron and Margaret Archerd. He served in the Civil War as a member of Co. F 58 Regiment of the Indiana Infantry. He was wounded in action and was awarded a veteran's pension. He was killed in the explosion of a boiler at the roller mill in Clay Co. IN on 10 Feb 1885. Mahlon is buried in the Cottage Hill Cemetary in Brazil, IN. Issue:

Clara	b. 24 Sep 1866	d. 17 Aug 1868
Margaret	b. 21 Feb 1869	d. 9 Mar 1941
Jacob	b. 16 May 1871	d. 3 Feb 1942
Clarance M.	b. 10 May 1873	d. 14 Oct 1898
Leona Myrtle	b. 13 Sep 1836	d. 14 Aug 1877
Elzada	b. 6 Dec 1879	d. 24 May 1926

Note: Margaret Barker married Smith Hallock; Jacob Barker married Lillian Neiman and died in Granite City, ILL.; and Clarance Barker married Florence Ethel Monce and died in Clay Co. IN.

5. Elzada Barker was born in Clay Co. IN on 6 Dec 1879. She was the daughter of Mahlon Barker and Jane Herron. Elzada was wed on 30 May 1900 to Oliver P. Blubaugh, the son of John Blubaugh and Margaret Ann Downing. She died 25 May 1926 in Clay Co. IN and is buried in Summit Lawn Cemetary. Issue:

Forrest Jacob Blubaugh	b. 27 May 1901
Alfred Robert Blubaugh	b. 6 Feb 1903
Edna Elizabeth Blubaugh	b. 15 May 1905
Margaret Lenora Blubaugh	b. 13 Jul 1908
Olive Jane Blubaugh	b. 23 Apr 1911
Elmer Daniel Blubaugh	b. 27 Sep 1917

Note: Forrest Jacob Blubaugh married Verna Dell Milligan. He died 5 Mar 1977 and is buried at Chapel Lawn Cemetary, Highland, IN. Alfred Robert Blubaugh married Helen Fedor. He died 27 Oct 1958 in Detroit, Michigan and is buried at Summit Lawn Cemetary in Clay Co. IN. Edna Elizabeth Blubaugh married #1 Gene Anderson #2 Renos Staley. She died 19 Aug 1956 in Bowling Green, IN and is buried in Summit Lawn Cemetary in Clay Co. IN. Margaret Lenora Blubaugh married #1 William Constance Willan #2 Ed Berry. She lives in Vigo Co. IN. Olive Jane Blubaugh married Walter E. Hertz and lives in Indianapolis, IN.

6. Elmer Daniel Blubaugh was born in Clay Co. IN on 27 Sep 1917. He was a member of the elite 82nd Airborne Division in World War II. While stationed in England, he met and married Maureen Frances Elliott, the daughter of Clarence Elliott and Elizabeth Frances Millward. They now live in Bowling Green, IN. Issue:

John Elliott Blubaugh	b. 3 May 1947
Robert Daniel Blubaugh	b. 30 Nov 1951

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There is probably no stronger emotion felt than when we hear our name spoken. It may be an emotion of fear, sorrow or pride and happiness, depending upon the circumstances under which we are addressed. The most important thing in all the world is "your", and your name is identical with your being and existing.

It is impossible to conceive of a world in which there are no names. There probably never was a time when names did not exist, certainly in our day there could be no such condition. The history, the religion and the character of a nation is stamped upon an individual in the name that he bears.

In the Bible, we learn that God, the Creator, named the first of all living things, Adam. After that he brought all the beasts of the field and the fowels of the air and presented them to Adam and told him to give them name. (Genesis 2:20.) Adam named his wife, Eve. Since that time, each person born into the world has been given a name.

We are known by our name for good or evil. Some speak of us lovingly and some call us all manner of names except our name or like the convict may be known by a number. There is a story of a convict who said that the worst trial of all was to be called by a number and never hear his name.

Two people may have the same name-one brings the name honor and the other shame. The name is the same. Anything as important as our name should be revered and protected. There is an old proverb which says, "You had not your name for nothing."

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Today, more and more people are turning to genealogy than at any time in the history of the world. Genealogy is not unlike putting together a picture puzzle; there is always someone who has the missing piece. A bit of information here and there may eventually help to unravel difficult research problems.

Genealogy is like love, the more you share the more you have.

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ANCESTORS are found along with old furniture and captive skeletons in all our best regulated families. Ancestors consist of forefathers, to say nothing of foreuncles, and Aunts. Some have done something like being beheaded by a king or being governor of a colony. Some are just plain people. Ancestors are our most valuable and satisfactory of possessions. They are not taxable and cannot deteriorate with age and neglet. In fact, they increase in value as they grow older. All rich people own and operate ancestors, and the poorest of men have them too. Many a man who does not have two suits to his name, has ancestors which are the envy of his neighbors. Ancestors cannot be bought if you do not have them, therefore, we should be very proud of our ancestors, and preserve their contributions to our society.

WHAT GENEALOGY MEANS TO ME

GENEALOGY means hours and hours spent oblivious to what is going on around me; vacations and weekends spent, not at the beach or just resting some place, but in bramble patch cemeteries, or looking for an old bible, hours spent with relatives' going back to another time and era.

GENEALOGY means the joy you feel when a blank wall turns into a successful attempt to obtain names and addresses of other relatives to correspond with for more family history; a single letter of encouragement, and old newspaper clipping, a faded photograph brought out from an old trunk, or box, long forgotten.

GENEALOGY is prayer for help and for gratitude when that prayer is answered.

GENEALOGY means standing waist deep in weeds among the unmarked graves. You appear to be alone but you feel the presense of those laid to rest in the near forgotten ground. You wish that they could speak to you now and tell you what you would like to know about each of them and their families.

GENEALOGY is the scorn of some, the impatience of many. It is letters not answered and forms that you send that are never returned. After all, what are stamps and forms for anyway?

We have our saints and our sinners, martyers and scallawags, but they are ours and we are theirs. All of this gives us a feeling of being among real people who have lived and faced the same problems and temptations, the same joys and sorrows that we face today.

GENEALOGY is the special place in my home for all the treasures that I collect. They are not precious vases, silver or beautiful portraits, but the letters, the family histories and the faded, worn photographs that I receive from the family from far and near to place in my files. They are the words of encouragement and appreciation expressed by many, for my efforts in trying to do this history for the good of all the family. Most of all, it is the renewal of old friendships and the new friends that I am making.

Our ancestors may have lived in castles or huts, they are a part of our heritage. We should love them, cherish them and be proud of them and above all, find them. I hope that everyone will want to help and be as proud of our family as I am.

G. McDonald

DECEMBER 3, 1969

In the past two years, I have received many family histories and many of their pictures to copy or that they had copied for me. I am most grateful for them. Today, I received from our cousin in Indianapolis, Indiana, the history of his family and pictures of his father and his family. His grandfather, George William Barker, left Henry County towards the end of the 1880's. We thought that we might never know anything about this family. I have the pictures of George and his wife, Serina Hatcher Barker and most of their history.

THE BARKERS

It is not yet known when the Barker Family came to Henry County, Virginia. According to records, they fought in the Revolutionary War against England in 1776. In the same year, at the first session of Court held in the newly formed County of Henry, several members of our family pledged alleigence to the United States of America.

At the present time, I am working on the lines of James Madison Barker (1809-1878), Guilliam, Charles, Daniel, Joel and Henderson Barker. James Madison Barker, Guilliam and Charles are belived to be brothers and some of Allen Barker. Sarah Frances Barker (1821-1894), daughter of Joseph Barker married her cousin, Guilliam Barker. Allen and Joseph were brothers, probably born about the time of the revolutionary War.

My great-grandmother, Lucinda Barker (1853-1933), daughter of Joel or Joseph, and Virginia Lemmons Barker, told the story many times of the arrival of her family in Henry County. They are supposed to have been given a land grant by the King of England and came directly to Henry County. Land grants were given for service to the crown or to England, when presented by the King. Further research will be required to prove or disprove this theory.

I have read several histories already published concerning the Barker Family in America. I have corresponded with many descendants of other Barker Families in many States and in Virginia and find no direct connection to the Family here in Henry County. I am beginning to believe that the story told by my g.grandmother may have been true. I am sure there are several versions and I have heard a few. We are hopeful of finding public records that will trace them from England to Henry County.

This area was opened to the Colonists around 1653. In 1634, John and William Barker, Masters of their own ships, came with passengers to the Eastern shore of Virginia, to what was then Surrey County. Their movemants have been traced westward to W. Virginia and other States. They arrived in Halifax County in the early 1700's. Some of these families could have moved to the South and into Henry County and North Carolina. There are many Barkers in this area and in North Carolina.

As previously stated, to find the early ancestors will take quite a lot of research that may take us into several counties. As soon as I have heard from all those interested in helping to compile the history, I plan to try to begin this research. I am anticipating quite an adventure when I start going back perhaps as much as 300 years or more.

G. McDonald

WHAT IS GENEALOGY?

The word GENEALOGY is derived from two Greek words-GENEA, meaning descent, and LOGOS, meaning discourse. Thus GENEALOGY is a discourse on descent. It is a vital branch of history and is catalogued as one of the social sciences. In its narrowest sense, it is a study of individuals and their relationship. In it's broadest sense, it contributes and coordinates with many fields of learning. To name a few, history, biography, geography, law, medicine, and languages.

We wish to consider genealogy of our people in the broadest sense. We want to know more about our ancestors and their descendants than just their names and vital statistics. We want to know the history of their lives and how they are woven into the fabric of history, especially the history of this country and perhaps other countries, and this County, where they came many years ago and settled and tamed a wilderness. They cleared the land, built their homes, reared their families, raised their crops and stock, built churches and schools, with not much more than their hands. They fought for their freedom in the wars and some have given their lives for their country.

Family history is the basis of all history. The combined histories of towns, cities and counties, make the history of the States and the States make the Nation, the Nations make the world.

The person who is interested in Genealogy has great pride in Family, and his Country and recognizes his duty to search out the truth. He becomes a full time detective, historian, snoop, diplomat, keen observer, a skeptic, biographer, part-time lawyer, district attorney and above all an accurate reporter.

Genealogists fall into two groups. One joins hereditary societies where the achievements of their ancestors is the basis for membership. The other searches out his family in appreciation of what their ancestors accomplished and are inspired and dedicated to make their contribution to the preservation of loval and family history. This interest grows with the passing of time and becomes a lifetime hobby. Our history is never complete. It, like the family, grows with the years.

It is hoped that through the efforts of the genealogist that those who came after will develop an interest in the history of the family and will become better citizens through knowledge gained of family and community history and that they will have a deeper appreciation of our way of life in this country when they have discovered the part played by their ancestors in building this nation.

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FAMILY HISTORIES

If each family would write their own personal history it would be a great help. Each one knows his own family better than anyone else can know. Several have done this already and the following written by Mary Barker Hudson about her family are good examples of what each person could write concerning his own family.

THE CHESLEY GORDON BARKER FAMILY

Chesley Gordon Barker was born at Axton, Virginia, on May 28, 1875. He was the son of James Monroe Barker and Elizabeth Roach Barker. He was a graduate of Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge, N.C. and was especially interested in all kinds of sports, including football and baseball. During his summers, he played on the North Carolina Baseball League while in school.

December 29, 1798, he and Lily Legale Gravely of Martinsville, Virginia, were married. They were the parents of six daughters; Vivial Faith Barker Norburn, Grayson Adair Barker Grantham, Mary Chesley Barker Hudson, Garnett Edison Barker' Mount, Kizzie Moss Barker Hudson and Lavalon Kernon Barker Collie.

Mr. Barker was a large landowner and engaged in numerous farming operations, raising tobacco and corn as his specialties. He was also engaged in the milling

industry at Axton. For a short time, he and his wife and family lived at South Hill, Virginia where he established the South Hill Wholesale Grocery Company, which is still in operation. He and his wife built three homes in Axton which were an asset to both Henry County and Axton. One was destroyed by fire recently.

He died, January 28, 1937, at the home of his daughter, Mary Chesley Hudson, at Fredericksburg, Virginia at the age of 61 years. He is buried in Danville in the Mountain View Cemetary.

Mr Barker was an upright christian gentleman and a devoted husband and father. He was a member of the Carroll Memorial Methodist Church at Axton. He sang in the choir and taught Sunday School classes there for many years.

Mary Barker Hudson

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BRENDA LEE HUDSON

Brenda Lee Hudson was born on March 24, 1941, at Fredericksburg, Virginia. She is the daughter of William Montague Hudson and Mary Chesley Barker, and is of Irish, French and English ancestory.

After graduating from West Point High School, West Point, Virginia, she studied at William and Mary College where she received an A. B. Degree, majoring in education. She belonged to the Kappa Delta Sorority. Brenda belongs to the Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Williamsburg, Virginia. She represented the Chapter as a Page to three DAR Conventions. She belongs to the Young Republican Party and received a special invitation to the Nixon-Agnew Inauguaration in Washington, D. C., January 20, 1969.

She belongs to the West Point Methodist Church and is currently teaching at Hampton, Virginia.

Mary Barker Hudson.

FAMILY BIBLES

Without the family Bibles that are available, many of the names and dates found in other places, could not be identified by family. Most Bibles contain records of others along with the family and leave out some of the names that should be recorded.

One of the chief complaints about family Bibles and cemetary records, as well, is the use of initials instead of the complete names of members of their families. They also will use only the year and leave out the day and month. One of the reasons for this could be that entries are made in the Bibles and tombstones are placed in the cemetary many years after the birth or death occurs and by others than the parents.

James madison Barker's Bible seems to be more complete than others. His, however, did not include marriages and deaths. But without the Bible, the list of his children may never have been completed.

Mrs Mary Barker Hudson, West Point, Virginia, has her grandfather, James Monroe Barker's Family Bible. The information contained in his Bible gave not only the records of his family, but also some of the dates of death for his brothers and their families as well.

Mrs Mattie Barker Shelton, Danville, Virginia, has in her possession, the Family Bible which belonged to her father, George Hubbard Barker. His records were a help also.

Mrs Ruth Howerton Keen has the Guilliam Barker Family Bible. It was given to her by her mother, Martha Barker Howerton. Without this Bible many of his family records would not be available. Some of the entries in this Bible and others, is the only record to be found.

Guilliam Barker's Bible was printed in New York, for the American Bible Society in 1837, for A. Chandler. We know from the date of the printing of the Bible and entries of names and dates that they were not written in the Bible at the time of birth or death of the members of this family.

Records copied as they appear in the Bible are: Guilliam Barker borned the 6th of September 1813. Sarah F. Barker has born 12 October 1821. Ann Barker daughter of same was born March 1839. Col. Millard Fillmore Barker son of Guilliam and Sarah Barker was born 13th Dec 1837. Eliza Susan Barker doughter of the same was born 14th May 1842. Emily F. Barker daughter of same was born 23rd May 1848. Jothina Barker daughter of the same was born Oct 1850. William and Eliza Barker were married April 27, 1858. Martha Willson Barker was born April the 11th, 1859. Meary Elizabeth Barker was born November 25th, 1860. C. M. Barker, 1872. Marion Barker son of Eliza Barker born on February 13, 1872. Oliver Johnson Barker born April 23rd, 1870. Benjamin Franklin son of Anna Barker was born 1871 July 6th.

Martha and Meary (Mary) are daughters of Eliza and William Barker. Parents of William are not known at this time. Millard Fillmore Barker was known by "Col". Barker. This was an honorary title given to men of means in the old days, so the record of his birth would have to have been made much later.

According to records received from Mrs Frank McVay, a descendant of Guilliam and Sarah Frances Barker, there was at least one other daughter, who is not recorded along with the rest of the family in this Bible. She was Wilmouth Barker who was married to Pinkney McDaniel. Nothing is known of Pinkney McDaniel or the family of this couple, at this time.

JAMES MADISON BARKER

James Madison Barker was born, August 31, 1809, in Henry County, District of Irisburg, Virginia, near Boxwood. His father was Allen. According to the Pittsylvania County Marriage Records, Allen married Isabel McDaniel, December 22, 1802, by the consent of William Barker. Isabel and Allen are believed to be the parents of the following: James Madison, Eliza, Guilliam, Charles and probably, Henderson Barker.

James Madison Barker married Mary Daniel, about 1833. Their children were: William Madison Barker, born November 16, 1834; Sarah Frances Barker, born May 21, 1836; died in 1848; Zeriah Margaret Barker, born July 24, 1837, died October 4, 1902; Nathaniel Henry Barker, born December 19, 1838. He is believed to have died the day of his birth.

His second marriage was to Mary Ann Daniel, born in Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 9, 1828. Their children were: Louisa Jane Barker, born January 9, 1843; James Monroe Barker, born October 11, 1844, died February 12, 1912; Mary Susan Barker, born March 3, 1846, died January 27, 1931; Elizabeth Ann Barker, born August 23, 1847, died May 3, 1940; Patrick Henry Barker, born August 27, 1849; John Floyd Barker, born March 25, 1851; Alfred Scott Barker, born March 13, 1853; Thomas Arthur Barker, born August 21, 1854, died December 11, 1889; George Hubbard Barker, born January 14, 1856, died June 4, 1894; Doctor Barker, born March 23, 1861.

The names and dates of birth, of the family of James M. Barker, were copied from his family Bible by Mrs Beona Hughes Compton, daughter of Edith Barker Hughes. The Bible was burned in a fire that destroyed the home of Mrs Hughes in 1967. Dates of death were given by members of families and copied from tombstones.

James Madison Barker was known as "Jim" Barker to his friends and neighbors. He was a large landowner, farmer and maker of furniture. He is believed to have held public office. He died in 1878, at the age of 69 years.

The dates of birth and death of Mary McDaniel, are not known at this time. The date of death is not recorded any place, for Mary Ann Daniel. These may be found later in Census Records.

The histories of James Monroe Barker, Mary Susan Barker and George Hubbard Barker are almost completed, including many pictures. Work is being done on the families of Louisa Jane, Alfred Scott, Elizabeth Ann and Patrick Henry Barker. We have the names and part of the vital statistics for the children of Margaret. Information about her descendants will be appreciated.

Sarah Frances and Nathaniel Henry Barker died when very young. Thomas Arthur was not married. William Madison and Floyd Barker had no children. Doctor Barker left Henry County about 1890. He is known to have lived in Indianapolis, Indiana and is buried there. We have been unable to contact any member of his family, although we believe that at least one descendant is still living in that area.

Copies of pictures have been made of James Madison Barker and some of his children; James Monroe, Mary Susan, George Hubbard, Elizabeth Ann and Doctor Barker. Copies are to be made from photographs of Louisa and Alfred Barker soon. We hope that there will be others available on the rest of his family.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, October 25, 1969, the Donald Spears Arnolds celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives at an open house held at their home in Bethel, Vermont.

Margie Howson Barker and Donald Spears Arnold were married on October 25, 1919, at Axton, Virginia. They have made their home in Bethel, Vermont where both have been active in community affairs.

Mr. Arnold was born and raised in his home town of Bethel, Vermont. He is serving as State Senator from Windsor County.

Mrs Arnold is a native of Axton, Virginia and is the daughter of James M. Barker II and Maggie Haley Barker.

Two Hundred fifty friends and members of their families, including Govenor and Mrs. Deane C. Davis, of Vermont, and members of the State Legislature, attended the open house celebration.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Montague Hudson, of West Point, Virginia, announce the marriage of their daughter, Brenda Lee, to Dennison Edward Osborne, Lieutenant, United States Army on Sunday, 18th of January 1970, in Hampton, Virginia.

Brenda is the granddaughter of Gordon and Lily Gravely Barker from Axton, Va. She is currently teaching school in Hampton.

TRAVEL NEWS

Mrs White Barker Corbit, Laguna Hills, California, returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand, to her home.

She has been kind enough to send pictures of her family to add to the Barker Family history.

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Dr. and Mrs Charles Buchanan Family Alfred, New York. In a recent letter from Elizabeth Barker, daughter of William Henry Barker and Elizabeth C. Haley, formerly from Axton, comes news of her children David and Virginia Buchanan.

David is teaching German at Alfred University, in Alfred, N. Y. this year and Virginia is Club Director of Coleman Service Club at Mannheim, Germany. She will be moving in February 1970 to Tehran, Iran (Persia) where her husband, Sigmund Fensel is area supervisor and production and maintenance head of communications for Page Communications Engeneers.

Virginia and Sigmund find Iran facinating - so different from the U. S. and Europe. The scenery, the people and the manner of dress and mode of living is quite interesting to read about.

Elizabeth was excited about receiving a phone call from Iran. Sigmund had just completed the communications system via satellite and was testing it before it was open to the general public. This call came from 5500 miles away.

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Mrs Josephine Barker is visiting her daughter, Mrs Paul Ruddell, in Hyattsville, Md. She will return to Axton in the Spring.

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Miss Diane Tickle, daughter of Ramona Barker and R. H. Tickle, New Castle, Va. has accepted a position with the FBI, in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Edd E. and Alsiebett Barker Kane, were recent visitors of Mr and Mrs. Rorer J. Barker, Sr. Axton, Route 3.

Louis McDonald has accepted a position with the Copenhaver Printing Co., Collinsville, Virginia.

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Jim McDonald is now associated with the Piedmont Trucking Company in Martinsville, Virginia.

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Mr. Waverly Roach and Mary his wife, Eden, N. C. visited the McDonald's in Axton recently. He brought his family history, pictures and addresses of his children, so letters and forms could be sent to them for completion.

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ORIGIN OF THE NAME

There are about as many versions of the origin of the name as there are books with accounts of how the name BARKER came to be.

The name BARKER is supposed to come from the Anglo-Saxon word BEORC or from the Anglo-French word BERQUIER, Meaning Shepard. Some say that the first to use the name was a tanner and used the bark of trees in his trade. Variations of the name are Le Barkers; Barka and Barkar. The name has been very influential and interesting.

The Templers were one of the most important and powerful military orders during the Middle Ages. Three groups of people made up this order. The knights, the clergy and the actual fighting men. The name appears for the first time in the records of the Templars in Yorkshire in 1185 when a Ralph Barker, who's ancestors probably were shepards, is mentioned.

Jordan Le Barkere, who appeared in the Assizes in Essex in 1255, was undoubtedly a tanner by profession as was John Le Barker who was listed in Cambridgeshire Assizes in 1260.

In Scotland the name appears as early as 1200. There are no early indications of the Barkers in Ireland. However, in 1739, Robert, born in Ireland, became a famous painter.

There are many distinct families of Barkers, which bear different coats-of-arms and reside in various counties in England and America. (about 150 coats-of-arms)

The Barkers of County Salop Commence their pedigree in the year 1200 with Rudolph de Calverhal, whose descendant, William le Barker about a century later, changed the name. The Rhode Island, Delaware and Plymouth, Mass. families are believed to be of this ancient stock.

Sir Christopher Barker, the Garter King of Arms, assisted at the Coronation of Anne Boleyn and Edward VI. Robert Barker made the first edition of the King James version of the English Bible in 1611, Edmund Barker was a metaphysician and friend of Samuel Johnson. Collet Barker, 1784-1831, was an explorer and Mt Barker in Australia was named for him. Benjamin Barker was an artist, whose pictures are in the British Museum. Joseph Barker of Leeds, England formed the sect called the Barkerites. George Barker was a philanthropist, whose statue is in Birmingham, England. Captain James Barker assisted in the victory of the Nile. Sir George Barker fought in the Crimean War.

In America, many Barkers served in the early Wars. More than 200 served in the Revolutionary War. Many served in the War of 1812, in the Civil War, Spanish and World War I and II. We know that several Barkers served in the Rev. War from Henry County, but the names of these are not yet known to us and what relationship they were. The father of one of our ancestors, Allen, was William Barker. He was probably born around the year 1750-60 and could have been in the Revolutionary War. Several

fought in the Civil War. Among those that are known at this time, are George William Barker and Sanders Barker.

Some of the most illustrious men in the history of America were Jacob Barker, the banker and ship owner, Abraham Barker, the "Nestor of Finance," Wharton Barker, the biometallist, Rear-Admiral Albert S. Barker, USN., Prof. George F. Barker, Scintist Col. Thomas Barker, prominent lawyer, Dr. Benjamin Fordyce Barker, eminent obstetrical surgeon. So the list goes on of valient men and women, who became early settlers in America and bore without complaint their full share of the burdens of this country, loved liberty and their fellowmen, struggled for independence and peace, through every event down to the present day.

HUGH ERIC BARKER

Hugh Eric Barker, son of Hugh Warren and Lillian Flora Barker of Roanoke, Virginia and Joan Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Jack Keith Hamilton of Newport Beach, California, November 25, 1969.

Eric is a member of the U. S. Marines and is stationed in California.

Mr. and Mrs Warren Barker attended the wedding of their son.

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NATHAN J. BARKER

Nathan J. Barker recently visited his brother, Junior Fulcher, who lives at Pelham, North Carolina.

Mr. Barker lives in Augusta, Georgia. He, his brother and sister, Mrs Jerry Sullivan, Savannah, Georgia, and her granddaughter are some of the relatives that we have been priviledged to meet since the history of the family was begun.

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EDDIE BARKER AND ROBERT BARKER

Robert Barker is the grandson of George William Barker and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. Robert and his brother Eddie Barker have been most helpful with helping to compile the history of the family in Indiana.

Robert and Thelma, Eddie and Mildred Barker are interested in coming to our Reunion in June. We hope they can make it.

Robert was to enter the hospital on April 15 for surgery. We wish him the best and hope that he will be well enough to come to the Reunion.

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ANNETTE ROACH STEGALL

Mrs Annette Roach Stegall has moved to Ashville, N. C. from Axton, Virginia. She is living near her son, Eugene Roach.

NOTICE

This will be the last paper that I can send to all the names and addresses that I have in my files. Many of the names that I have - I do not have their addresses.

Because of the cost of sending out - now about 500 papers, I cannot continue to send it to everyone.

I hope that you have enjoyed the paper and would like to receive it often. If enough people subscribe to it, the cost would not be as much - it could be sent thru the mails on a permit - to save postage. Materials cost but the postage is the major part of the expense.

I hope to get out a Reunion Edition and include some of or all of the pictures taken

at the reunion. If your family and you are interested, do not forget to send me your subscription.

I would like very much for all of you to send me news of interest to put in the paper. If there is any information that you would like concerning the family from other members - do not hesitate to ask and we will put it in the paper.

We would like births, marriages, deaths, new positions, graduations or anything that is important to you to write to the rest of the family. Let us hear from you.

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"We live in the past by knowledge of its history, and in the future by hope and anticipation. By ascending to the association with our ancestors; contemplating their example, and studying their character; by accompanying them in their toils; by sympathizing in their suffering and rejoicing in their success and triumphs, we mingle our existance with theirs and seem to belong to their age.

Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."

Daniel Webster

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Dear Folks:

I have again attempted to include in this issue of the BARKER NEWS some of the History of the Family and news of interest. The next edition is being planned for just after the Family Reunion. Perhaps, pictures taken at the Reunion can be printed and sent to you with more history, news and pictures, from other Reunions, as well.

Work on the History is progressing a little more slowly than in the beginning. A Great deal more time and effort will be required to gather the information available from those now living before research in the several courthouses can be started. Unless we have names, dates, places and something about the activities of each person, it may be impossible to trace them through public records.

Any information sometimes becomes very important in doing research. Little bits of knowledge, no matter how indefinite, may become the link needed to connect other information received from several other sources.

Daniel Barker's wife was known as "Aunt Ria." She was my great, great, grandmother, so I was very interested to know who she was. After making many inquiries among the relatives, I learned that her name was "Maria". Later on someone remembered that her last name was "McDaniel". Putting together information received from several sources gave us the name, Maria McDaniel. Knowing this and figuring back in time from our generation, we know she was probably born in the early 1800's. If, in our research, we find her name, we will be able to find who her parents were.

The histories, pictures and the letters received from so many are very gratifying and encourage me to continue with this work. In one letter, I was thanked for the priviledge of being a part of the History; another offered to help in any way they could; many expressed interest in knowing more about their family and ancestors.

Many tell me that they know little about the Barker Family. This project was started by filling out forms for my own family, then my parents and grandparents. This was fairly easy and then came the great-grandparents; the work was much harder and I am still working on their histories and those of their children. It is my opinion, that most of us know little about the family, other than our own, and sometimes it would be hard to do this without some help from each one of them.

We are fortunate to have family bibles, cemetery records, other family records, the cooperation and interest shown in this project. I know all of us would be most grateful, if we could hear from all the family, so that the History would one day be complete.

Sincerely,

Gladys Barker McDonald

The Barker News is compiled and mimeographed by Gladys Barker McDonald and mailed four times a year to subsrcibers. The paper is published to acquaint the Barker Family with what is being done on the History of the Family and to let those far and near know what is happening in the Family, wherever they may be.

The paper will be sent out in January, March, June and September and if possible, in December as well. Subscription price is $1.50 per year, to help pay postage and some of the expense of getting the paper ready for mailing. If you would like to subscribe, please send your subscription to Mrs Gladys B. McDonald, Route 2, Axton, Virginia. 24054.

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PELHAM, N.C. Mr. Junior Fulcher has been ill and hospitalized in the University of North Carolina Hospital, Chapel Hill, N. C. I know that he and his wife would appreciate a card or note from each of you. His address is: Mr. Junior Fulcher, Route 1, Box 327, Pelham, N. C.

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AIKEN SUMMIT, VIRGINIA. The Family of Willis Wilson and Janey Barker met at the home of Nora Tolbert at Aiken Summit, Route 3, Axton, Virginia the 4th of July weekend. Ilene Wilson Morton who lives in Arkansas came home for a visit and the whole family with the exception of one brother, Muscoe Lee Wilson were present. Those who came w were, Sarah Quessenberry, Richmond, Virginia; Allie Payne, Crewe, Virginia; Geneva Martin, Marilyn Estep, Nora Tolbert, Daniel Wilson, Roy Wilson, and Everette Wilson, all of Axton, Route 3, Virginia and the families of each of the brothers and sisters.

Janey Elizabeth Barker was the daughter of Daniel Lee and Sarah Elizabeth Meeks Barker. Aunt Janey died in August two years ago at her home near Boxwood, Va. She lived at the home place of George William Barker, who was the son of Joseph and Virginia Lemmons Barker. George left Henry County with his family sometime in the latter part of the 1800's. He lived in Danville and Indianapolis, Indiana until his death in 1912.

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AXTON, VIRGINIA, JULY 29, 1970. Mr Clifton Martin, husband of Geneva Wilson, has been hospitalized for several days in the Memorial Hospital of Henry County and Martinsville, Martinsville, Virginia. I am sure he would appreciate cards and letters from all the relatives. So please, each one send him a card, very soon. Address: Mr. Clifton Martin, Route 3, Axton, Virginia 24054.

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I am in the process of typing and arranging the histories and pictures of the family that have already been sent to me. I hope to receive yours very soon. Do not put it off any longer or forget. It will be a great help in compiling the history, if all will write very soon. Remember, if you need help, just let me know and if I can come, I will be glad to, and if not we will try to work it out by mail or telephone: My number is 638-0791.

G. McDonald

FAMILY REUNION, JUNE 14, 1970

The Barker Family, Henry County, Virginia held their reunion again this year on June 14, 1970, at Irisburg Community Center, located on Route 3, Axton, Va. Approximately 150 descendants and friends attended the Reunion.

Mr. Robert Frazier was asked to be the Chairman for next year and to serve with him, Mrs R. H. Tickle, Jr, New Castle, Virginia, as Secretary, Mrs W. D. Tetterton, Emporia, Virginia, Treasurer and Mrs James E. McDonald, in charge of Social activities, specifically, getting ready for the Reunion, June 13, 1970.

We hope to meet with Mr Albert Wilson, Danville and Mrs D. J. Barker, Axton and as many of the family, as will, within the next few months and work out plans for the next reunion and for a constitution and by-laws suitable to our group. We also hope to contact some of you to serve as officers for the coming year after the 1971 Reunion. Any volumteers would certainly be appreciated. Up to now, one family has been responsible for making all the plans. The reunion is growing in number and interest. We hope that this interest continues for many years to come. It is time, however, to organize and others take some of the responsibility for the Reunion, including the cost.

We have received 57 applications for membership with the fee of $1.00, which will be used next year to defray some of the cost of renting the building, cleaning before and after the reunion and supplies for cleaning and drinks. As, the group grows that want to be members, we hope that there will be other projects that we can work together on. Let us know if any of the rest would like to be a member. We will soon mail to those who did join this time, their membership cards. They are being printed at this time.

Unless we organize, adopt a constitution and by-laws, any funds that we receive or accumulate will be taxable. This is one reason for organizing, another, as has been stated, is to give the responsibility of the Reunion to the group as a whole and one of the most important, to save on postage. As a non-profit organization, considerable amounts could be saved during a year that could be used better for some other purpose. I believe that all would enjoy the reunion more, if everyone had a part in preparing for the group to meet each year.

We miss those of you who did not come and do hope that you will put this date on your calender for next year, June 13, 1971, the Barker Family Reunion to be held at the Irisburg Community Center, Irisburg, Virginia.

On seperate sheets you will find a report of the Reunion that was printed in the Martinsville Bulletin, Martinsville, Virginia. There is also a list of most of those who became members of the organization and some of those who attended with addresses. We believe there were many more there than registered. Approximately 150 name tags were used so we know there were some who did not register. At the next reunion, we will have reports of the meeting and pictures taken at this reunion for all to see, if they like. We hope to see all of you next year.

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AXTON, VA We appreciate your sending us the Barker News. We enjoy things like this. It certainly is nice for someone in the family to do this and since we know so many of the people, we would not miss it for anything. Ruth Robertson.

BASSETT, VA. Congratulations on such a fine job with the Barker News. Elma Stone.

N. Highlands, California - First, I want to thank you for taking the time to find out about the Barker Family, I am enclosing $2.00 for the Barker News, as I enjoyed it very much. Eliza Barker Jackson.

WEST POINT, VIRGINIA.
William Montague Hudson, in addition to the Virginia Lives (The Old Dominion Who's Who, 1964 Edition) is listed in Personalities of the South, Published in Raleigh, N. C., 1970 Edition and the International Registry of Who's Who, Published in Geneva Switzerland, 1970 Edition.

William is the husband of the former Mary Barker, daughter of Gordon and Lily Gravely Barker of Axton, Virginia.

ORANGE, VIRGINIA
Charles Hudson of Orange, Virginia will receive his degree in Business Administration from the U. of Va, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 7, 1970.

After graduation, he and his wife, Vivian Barker Hudson, and their son, Scott, will reside in Richmond, Va., where he has accepted a position.

Vivian Barker Hudson is the daughter of Kizzie Moss Barker Hudson, who is the dau of Gordon and Lily Gravely Barker.

WEST POINT, VIRGINIA
Mrs Olen Sikes Jr (Mary M. Hudson) was elected President of the Monday Club, a Federated Woman's Club of West Point. She has also been appointed Chairman of the West Point Centennial Celebration 1870 to 1970. There was a fashion show featuring authentic period dresses, on June 4. Other affairs will be planned for the summer until Sept 4.

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA
Mrs Dennison Osborne (Brenda Lee Hudson) left Hampton, Virginia, where she has been teaching school to join her husband, 1st Lieut. Osborne, in Aschaffenburg, W. Germany, where he will be stationed for one year. Lieut. Osborne of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army was presented a citation and Army Commendation Medal recently.

Mr and Mrs Olen Sikes Jr are going to Germany in July to visit the Osbournes. Mary and Brenda are Daughters of Mary Barker Hudson.

TEHRAN, IRAN
Virginia Buchanan Fensel, daughter of Elizabeth Barker and Dr Charles D. Buchanan, Alfred, N. Y., writes her mother and father about her activities as Director of the Teen Club which is a part of the Youth Activities Council in Tehran, organized for American Civilian and Military Personnel.

As the new Teen Club Director, Virginia attends meeting and functions at the Embassy. One such meeting was held recently that she attended regarding the annual Fourth of July celebration in Tehran in which the several thoussand American Citizens participate.

Virginia and her husband, Sigmund Fensel, have settled in their new apartment in Tehran and are enjoying their work and visiting the area around the City. After the summer season is over they plan to go to India or Bankok for a vacation.

ALFRED, NEW YORK
David Buchanan, son of Virginia Barker and Dr Charles D. Buchanan, and his wife Ellen are Co-Directors of Camp Rothbum in New York, which is a Campfire Girls Camp. They supervise from 500 to 700 girls during the summer months. David teaches German in winter at Alfred University.

ALFRED NEW YORK and FREDERICK, MARYLAND
Mr and Mrs J. M. Barker 111, of Jacksonville, Florida, spent several weeks in Frederick, Maryland, with their daughter, Bettie's sons, while she and her husband, George B. Delaplaine, Jr attended a meeting of newspaper and press personnel in Isreal.

Mr and Mrs Barker also visited with Dr Charles Buchanan and Elizabeth at their home in Alfred, N. Y., and also with Mrs Elizabeth Haley Barker, (Mrs Henry Barker) who is a patient in a Nursing Home near Alfred.

Most of those who know Mr J. M. Barker, know him as Jerry or J. M. Barker. Henry Barker was the son of J. M. Barker 1, better known as "Chris."

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Mrs Josephine (Dan) Barker, Axton, Va. is visiting Mr and Mrs Jerry Sullivan in Savannah, Georgia, for a few days. She will also visit Jack Sullivan and his wife, Margaret and Family.

Jerry Sullivan is still in the hospital in Savannah, Georgia. He and Chessie, his wife, missed coming to the reunion this year. They have attended two before this one and we were sorry as were they that they could not come this time.

Miss Carol Sullivan, daughter of Jack and Margaret spent several days visiting with relatives in the Axton and Danville area after the reunion. After leaving here, she then visited Janet and Bill Tetterton in Emporia, Virginia. One day was spent in Williamsburg, Virginia. Carol has returned to Savannah.

The Family of Chessie Mae Sullivan are descendants of Jack Barker - Sanders Jackson Barker, who was a blacksmith at Aiken Summit, Route 3, Axton, Va.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Mr James M. Barker IV, and his wife, Gini came to the Barker Family Reunion held at Irisburg Community Center, June 14, 1970. This was their first meeting of all of the cousins who were at the reunion. We hope they enjoyed the reunion and will come back next year.

COLUMBUS AND CHEASAPEAKE, OHIO.

Also attending the reunion were the family of Edd Barker; Gaynel Russell, Jack and Odetta, his children, and the daughter of Odetta, Jerri Lou Rogers and her children and a son of Odetta. Their mother Marie came also, but could not attend the meeting because of illness after arriving.

BETHEL, VERMONT

Mr and Mrs D. S. Arnold (Margie Barker) wrote that they had intended coming to the Reunion, but due to unforseen circumstances could not attend this year.

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

Mary Ford, former, Mary Barker is looking for her Barkers also. She believes them to be from Va. She wanted to come to our reunion.

ALFRED, N. Y.

Dr and Mrs Charles Buchanan also planned to come to the reunion but could not leave her mother, Mrs Henry Barker, mentioned previously.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Eddie Barker, grandson of George William Barker, son of Joe Barker and Virginia Lemmons, had planned to come to the Reunion but because of his health did not feel that he could make it here and back again.

Robert Barker, brother of Eddie, also had planned to come. He had an operation previously and had not recovered sufficiently to be able to make the trip here for this Reunion

They hope to be able to come next year and I am sure that all of those who attend our Reunions hope so.

Mrs Esther Barker Ford, daughter of Fount Barker, one of our new found cousins in Indianapolis, would also like to have been here for the Reunion but due to illness of her husband, Horace, could not think of leaving him at this time.

Esther has been a good friend. She has gone to the cemetary in Danville, Ind. seeking information for our history. She also sent pictures of her family, her mother and father and of John Barker and Minerva, his wife and their family. I have not placed him in our history yet. Anyone knowing who his parents were, please let us know.

She also had a picture of the old Daniel Barker home and of Lucinda and Sanders Lee Barker, who were my Great-grandparents. I had never seen a picture of them before; or of her parents.

We hope that Horace will be better soon and that she can plan to come to our reunion next year.

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Thank you for everything. Glad you are well. We are as usual and enjoyed being with and seeing everyone. I was thrilled to see so many of our nice looking relatives and everyone was so nice and friendly. Albert F. Wilson.

ALFRED, NEW YORK

Miss Ellen Frances Gertz, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Gertz of Jericho Hill, Alfred, New York, became the bride of David H. Buchanan, son of Dr and Mrs Charles D. Buchanan, also of Alfred, on March 21 in St Ann's Church, Hornell, N. Y.

The Rev. Robert Magin, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. before an altar decorated with vases filled with white gladioli.

Miss Edna Prinzing of Rochester was the brides only attendant. Dr Robert Buchanan of Ann Arbor, Michigan was best man for his cousin.

The bride is a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central High School and Harwick College. She taught English during the past year at Our Lady of Mercy School, Rochester.

David, also a graduate of the Alfred-Almond School, U. of Michigan and U. of Colorado, is an instructor of German at Alfred University.

INDONESIA

Mary Christine Wilson Hailey, the daughter of Albert F. and Bessie Harris Wilson, arrived from Indonesia where her husband, the Rev, William H. Hailey, Sr is a missionary, with their son William M. Hailey Jr., in Texas recently. Rev. Hailey and the younger son, Ross are in Indonesia. William came back to the U.S. so that he could have eye surgery.

Mary will visit her father and the rest of her family in Danville while in the U.S. and then she will return to Indonesia. She is a granddaughter of Chancey Barker, who was the daughter of Sanders Lee and Lucinda Barker.

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

L. Cdr J. P. Breillatt, USN, Ret writes about his trip to Wales and England to search for the family of his father and his mother's relatives. Her Barker Family were from around the Detroit area.

His account was interesting and helpful as well. It gives one an idea of what is involved in searching for your family both here and in England.

He has also helped a great deal with the constitution and by-laws and ideas for a family paper and the history as well.

He send a picture of his family in Wales and one of the Chapel where his great-grandparents were married. He was quite thrilled to be able to go there to where his people lived and were married. I can think of no greater honor than this. I hope that some day that some of us can be priviledged to do the same for our family.

FAMILY RESEARCH

Family Tree research is one of the most interesting and gratifying hobbies to which you can turn. Following the trails and trials of your forebears can lead to many exciting tales of success, failures, loves and pathes - true life stories as glamorous as any you read about in book or see in the movies.

You can sit at your desk or typewriter night after night and visit new places and new lands, through study and in writing and sometimes as time permits, in person, ' as you search for records of your unknown ancestors. You will broaden your knowledge of history, geography, laws, customs of life in general of the present and the very past as you continue your search.

You thrill time and time again, as you find the accounts of your forefathers doings, birth, marriages, deaths, wills, deeds and many other things too numerous to mention. Some Puzzles can be solved quickly, some will keep you in suspense for a long time and may never be solved.

I wish that each member of the family could enjoy the work I am doing with family and the history. It would mean as much to them as to me, I am sure, if this were possible.

FOR WE KNOW THAT IF OUR EARTHLY HOUSE OF THIS TABERNACLE WERE DISOLVED, WE HAVE A BUILDING OF GOD, AN HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS, ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS. 11 CORINTHIANS, 5:1

FRANK CLARK MCVAY, was born Sept 25, 1897, Abingdon, Va., Washington County, the son of Isaac Walter and Margaret Bush McVay. He was married May 31, 1934, to the former Wilmouth Viola Cole, in Danville, Virginia.

He died March 29, 1970, in the Martinsville General Hospital, Martinsville, Va., after a long illness due to heart disease. Funeral services were held at his home in Aiken Summitt, Route 3, Axton, Virginia, March 31, 1970. Burial was in the Cole Family Cemetery at the home.

He was a Veteran of World War 1, having enlisted in the service of his country, October 14, 1917, at Welsh, West Virginia. Service Number 1837042. He received his training in Horsemanship at Camp Lee, Virginia, at Petersburg. He was in the battles of St Mekeil and the Battle of Meuse-Argonne Offensive, September 12, to November 19, 1918, in France. He served with the 315 Field Artillery Co. F. 80th Division, U. S. Army. He Received his honorable discharge from the Army at Camp Lee, Virginia, on June 10, 1919 and was presented with badges, citations, medals, decorations and the Victory Medal with 2 battle clasps.

From 1923 to 1945 he was employed by the Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia. On April 5, 1945 he worked for the Ship Yards at Portsmouth, Virginia. From May 1, 1946 until the time of his retirement in 1962, he worked for the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia. After retiring he lived at his home in Aiken Summitt, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Wilmouth Cole McVay and three children; Wenonah McVay Ward and Lorinda McVay White of Norfolk, Virginia and Jay L. McVay of Aiken Summitt and his grandchildren: Christopher McVay, William, Sherrie, Warren White, Rebecca, Shelia and Richard Ward.

Wilmouth was the daughter of Maybud Wilson Cole and was the grandaughter of Annie Barker Wilson, who was a daughter of Mr. Guilliam Barker and Sarah Frances Barker.

BENJAMIN JEFFERSON BARKER, was born Oct 16, 1900, Boxwood, Va., Rt.3, Axton, Va. the son of Fleming Scott Barker and Lucy Daniel. He was married March 16, 1921, Wentworth, N. C. to Georgia Bernice Barker, Daughter of Joseph Coleman and Flora Holley Barker. Bennie Died, May 29, 1970 froma heart attack at the home of his birth. He was buried May 31, 1970, in the Family Cemetery, at the home.

Bennie received his education at the old Barker School near his home. He was taught as were most of his relatives in the area by Mrs Fleet Meadows, know by her students

as "Miss Fleet."

He lived on and farmed the land of his father until 1927 when he moved to Baltimore Maryland, where he lived and worked as a carpenter until 1949. He moved back to the old home place and lived there and farmed the land until 1966, when he built a new house, on another part of the land. He continued to farm until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Georgis, his son, Aubrey Jefferson Barker of Boxwood, Virginia; three grandchildren, Peggy Barker Harman, Jerry Barker Persell, Baltimore, Maryland, and Aubrey Jeffrey Barker of Boxwood, Va.; three great grandchildren: Laura Lynn Harman, Ronald and William Persell; one brother, Reece Webster,Barker, Axton, a sister Ida Barker Hodges, Chatham, Virginia.

It is not known at this time how long the land has been in this family. We do know that Bennie's father was born on the land and that his father, Joseph Barker lived there. Bennie's son, his wife, Terry and his son, Jeffrey are living in the old house and at this time are in the process of remodeling the old house and plan to build a new addition very soon. The "Old Joe Barker Home" still stands near by the Fleming Barker home.

Bennie was very interested in the history of his family. He was a great help with supplying information vital to this work. He had planned to come to the reunion.

WILLIAM GRAY HILL, born Feb 16, 1897, in Henry County, Virginia, the son of Horace Greely Hill and Lucinda Barker; died June 22, 1970 in Danville Memorial Hospital, Danville, Virginia.

He was a retired refrigeration mechanic for Pet Dairy Company in Danville and a veteran of World War 1 and a member of the Leaksville Christian Church in Eden, N.C.

He was married to the former Annie Mae Smith, June 29, 1918. He is survived by his wife; five daughters: Dorothy Mae Tredway, Stoneville, N. C., Louise Gray Nowlin, and Minnie Jane Giles, Pensacola, Florida: Willie Virginia Mebane, Greensboro, N. C., Marcia Mae Hopkins, Graham, N.C.: Two Sons: William Gray Hill, Jr., Orlando, Florida and Garland Henry Hill, Fairbanks, Alaska. Also Surviving are: two Sisters, Mrs M. A. Caudle, Stoneville, N.C. and Mrs Joe Moore, Danbury, N.C.; 3 brothers: Charlie B. Hill, Danville, Va.; Claude S. Hill, Buchanan, Va., and Jim Hill, Mt Airy, N.C.; 13 grandchildren: Guerrant A., William T. Tredway: Brenda Nowlin, Mary Frances, Nicky and Jennifer Mebane; Donald Lee, William G. and Michael Hill; Larry C., Roger, Steven and Susan Giles.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, June 24, 1970 at 3:00 p.m. at the Leaksville Christian Church, Eden, N.C. Interment was in Roselawn Memorial Garden in Eden,N.C.

William's (Willie) mother was Lucinda Barker, daughter of Lucinda and Sanders Lee Barker. Lucinda was daughter of Joseph and Virginia Lemmons Barker; Sanders Lee Barker was the son of Daniel and Maria McDaniel Barker; all of Henry County, Virginia.

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA - Vivian B. Norburn.
The News Letter which I received last week is the most interesting and the most facinating account I have ever had the pleasure of reading about anyones ancestors. You are talented, it is really marvelous the way you have compiled all of this information to make it not only interesting reading but as I have just commented, facinating too.

IRENE JANE MCDANIEL BARKER, born April 10, 1883, Henry County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Flournory and Letitia Lee Higgs McDaniel; died Oct 31, 1969, Martinsville General Hospital, Martinsville, Virginia.

She was married April 26, 1908 at Burnt Chimneys, Henry County, Virginia, to John James Barker, son of Alfred and Lucy Roach Barker, known to most of us as "Uncle Jenks."

"Aunt Rena" lived all her life almost in the vicinity of her birth. She was 86 years old at the time of her death. She was a member of the Sugar Tree Primitive Baptist

Church. Her life was very simple - lived for her family and many friends. The most we can say of her that she was a good woman and was loved by all her people. We are better people for having known her.

Surviving are her children: Benjamin Barker, Mrs Althenia Hutcherson, Martinsville, Va.; Carl A. Barker, Axton, Va.; Gene Barker, Washington, D.C.; Randolph Barker, Greenville, S. C.; John Wesley and William Henry Barker, Danville, Virginia; Mrs Connie Davis, Axton and 20 grandchildren and 28 G. grandchildren, and 1 G.G. grandchild.

She attended every Barker Family Reunion that we had in the past. She lived for many years in the "Old Chris Barker" Home in Axton.

FUNERAL services were held at the McKee Funeral Home in Martinsville, Nov 2, 1969. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetary, Martinsville, Virginia.

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DO NOT FORGET to send us news of your families. We would like to let the rest of the family know what is new with all the family from every place

ALSO, PLEASE, all those that I have written to for your family records, send them to me soon. If you have no pictures, have some made. It is very important. I think that the pictures brought to the reunion by several of our family, were the most important and interesting events at the Reunion.

THE BARKER FAMILY REUNION

The Barker Family of Henry County, Virginia met for their annual reunion on Sunday June 14, 1970 at the Irisburg Community Center, at Irisburg, Virginia. Approximately 150 Descendants of the Barker Family and Friends attended the Reunion, coming from Jacksonville, Florida; Augusta and Savannah, Georgia; Eden, High Falls and Fayetteville, North Carolina; Columbus and Chesapeake, Ohio; Hyattesville and Chesapeake Beach and Carrollton, Maryland; Portsmouth, Chester, Richmond, Roanoke, Catawba, Salem, Danville, Emporia, Ridgeway, Axton, Newcastle, Martinsville and Henry County, Virginia.

The Family Group attended services at the Irisburg United Methodist Church, at Irisburg, where come of the ancestors are known to have been members since 1850. In the beginning the building was used as a meeting house, which included church services. Later, it became a "Union Church" and was used by four different denominations and was known as the Truevine Church. In recent years, the church has gone through at least two changes and is now known as the Irisburg United Methodist Church.

Plans were made for Organization of the Family association including the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, election of officers and committees at the next Family Reunion to be held June 13, 1971, at the Irisburg Community Center. There were 61 members who indicated that they would like to become voting members of the organization and paid their dues.

The high light of the meeting was a group picture, brought from Jacksonville, Fla by Mr and Mrs James M. Barker, !V, of six generations of the J. M. Barkers, dating from 1809 to 1968, including the pictures of James Madison Barker, James Monroe Barker (Chris) , 1, 11, 111, IV, and James Monroe Barker V.

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FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Sanford Roach, 51 of 3528 Tyler Street, died Wednesday in Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital. He is a native of Henry County, Virginia and was the son of James Tyler Roach and Lizzie Davis Roach.

He was a clerk with the Commerce Department for the Federal Government for 31 years. He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of Culmore United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs Doris Pugh Roach; a daughter, Teresa M. Roach of the home; one son, John R. Roach of the home and three brothers, Henry Roach of Baltimore, Md., Redd Roach and Cicero Roach of Axton, Virginia.

The funeral was held on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at Whitacre United Methodist Church in Whitacre with burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery, there.

In liue of flowers, donations were made to the Sanford Roach Memorial Fund, Culmon United Methodist Church, Falls Church, Virginia.

(Copied from the Obituaries Column, Martinsville Bulletin, Martinsville, Va., Thursday, April 16, 1970.) GM

James Tyler Roach was the son of Elizabeth Ann Barker and James Roach, of Axton, Virginia. Elizabeth Ann was known to all as Aunt Lizzie Roach.

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Clay Barker Frazier, Martinsville, Virginia and Lena Barker, Eden, N.C. paid us a visit a few weeks ago. They brought pictures of their families for us to copy. One was made of several members of all our families. One in particular was most interesting. It was made at least 60 years ago at the home of Mary Susan Barker, which was left to her by her father, James Madison Barker. Included in this picture are: Asa Barker, Betty K. Barker, Pearl Barker, Theo Barker, Addie, Esther, Letitia, Alsiebett, Josephine, Calvin, Claude, Ira and Bettie K., and Mary Susan Barker. It is a good picture and I hope that it can be copied and enlarged so that all who attend the reunion next year will be able to see this picture.

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We wish to do something special for the reunion next year - something that can be kept as a momento of the reunion for 1971. We thought that a booklet of favorite recipes from all the family would be interesting and helpful. We could include some of our own and some that have been handed down to us all by our mothers and grandmothers. If sent to me early enough, I would mimeograph them under your name and make a booklet for each person who attends the reunion to take home and keep as a keepsake or perhaps to use and enjoy. Send them to us immediately. Thanks!

FAMILY HISTORY

ELIZABETH WHITE BARKER CORBIT, daughter of James Monroe Barker II, and Maggie Haley Barker was born January 6, 1901, in Axton, Virginia. She attended grammer school at Axton and then Chatham Episcopal Institute (now Chatham Hall), Chatham, Virginia, where she graduated in 1919; then entered Hollins College, , Hollins College, Virginia (now Hollins, Va., near Roanoke, Va.), where she received Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. From 1923 to 1925, she taught in the Axton High School, In 1925 she entered Columbia University in New York where she took a business course, then did secretarial work in that City until 1930, when she moved to San Francisco, California. It was while she was visiting a college class mate in Woodlake, Calif., that she met Byron Berdell Corbit, whom she later married. She and her husband lived in Woodlake until 1946 when he retired and they moved to Fontana, California. He passed away in 1948; and in 1965, she moved to Leisure World, Laguna Hills, a retirement community near Laguna Beach, California, where she now lives.

BYRON BERDELL CORBIT, born April 21, 1882, in Bakersville, Ohio. His family moved to Missouri shortly afterward. He came to Southern California in his early twenties and became associated with a Sunkist Citrus Cooperative. He was manager of the Elderwood Citrus Association (Sunkist Cooperative) in Woodlake, Central Calif. for 25 years until he retired in 1946. During that time he was president of the Managers club of Tulare County.

He was very active in community and county affairs, having served many years on the Woodlake School Board of Directors as well as the Tulare County School Board. He was an enthusiastic Rotarian and was a charter member of the Woodlake Chapter. He was a Mason and a Past Master of the Keweah Masonia Lodge in Woodlake. After retirement in 1946, he and his wife, White, moved to Fontana in Southern California where he died, July 21, 1948.

WAYNE BERDELL CORBITT, only child of Byron Berdell Corbit, was born in Southern California on February 13, 1919. He served in the Air Force during WW II and soon after returning home, married Christine Leak of Three Rivers, California. He has been with the National Park Service for 25 years and he and Christine are now living in Carlsbad, New Mexico, where the famous Carlsbad Caverns, owned by the National Government are located. He was transferred there from Page, Arizona, site of the Glen Canyon Dam, a government project. Prior to that he lived in Sequoia National Park. He and Christine have one child, Richard Corbit.

RICHARD CORBIT, was born, December 19, 1942. He attended Woodlake High School and the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. He is married and now lives in Porterville, California, where he is associated with a lumber company.

Elizabeth White Corbit.

This information was copied from the Blue Ridge Baptist, 74 Annual Association Session minutes for the session held August 23 and 24, 1932, Axton, Virginia, at the Axton Baptist Church.

"The Axton Baptist Church in which the Association is meeting today was organized in 1886 by Rev, John Allen and was with the Roanoke Association, now is with the Pittsylvania Association. (Pittsylvania County, Va.)

Among the Charter members were Mr. and Mrs James O. Martin, Mr and Mrs George Barker, from the True Vine Church, Mr and Mrs J. W. Wrightman from the Mt. Vernon Church, and Mr and Mrs Dick Pentacost and Mr. E. H. Farmer. These members took the lead in the creation of the Union Church at Axton."

WRITING THE FAMILY HISTORY

Remember how you loved hearing tales that your parents told you about their childhoods? Remember how your own youngsters listened wide-eyed as you related youthful

experiences of your own? Remember how interested you were in the old pictures and how comical their mode of dress seemed to you? How many of the wonderful stories and interesting pictures will survive? How many already are lost? The stories, the pictures and histories of our families help to preserve not only our own family but national history as well.

Through family pictures we retain and relive the big and little events that make a personal progression through life; pictures of special events, such as a new baby, playful pets we loved, rare visits from relatives and friends, spectacular scenery on a special vacation trip, s summer day or a snowy wintry day. Through pictures, we can preserve precious moments in our lives and those of our families. Someone has said that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Many books have been printed detailing methods of tracking down our ancestors, learning who they were, when and where they lived and what they did. Present day articles urge us to keep in touch with living relatives regardless of how far removed they are or their direct station in life.

It would be fun to learn you were a descendant of a famous person. To many of us, however, this is not as important as the recorded adventures in the lives or our ancestors. Through these stories, we feel that we know them better and they become alive. We undeestand the era in which they lived and what they were like and how they helped to make this land what it is today.

Who among us would not want a history of his relatives lives? We could feel pride in their accomplishments, sympathize with the plights of the unfortunate ones and try to live up to the example set by the good ones among our forebears.

How do we go about getting this information? Questioning elderly relatives is one way to begin learning what they remember about the lives of their parents and grandparents or other relatives. Family diaries, letters, business papers, help to determine what kind of people they were. Family bibles, information from stones in the many cemeteries and forms filled out by those still living give us dates and places and whatever information they have on their families and ancestors.

Family visits are important and we see more of the family this way. Family reunions also help us to become acquainted with new members of the family and we get to know those we have known in the past better. This is a busy world that we live in today and not many of us have time to keepup with all the family as we would like, so the reunion at least keeps us informed to some extent.

Family reunions where there are elected officers to handle preparation for the reunion and to keep records is an excellent way to preserve the history of a family. We can store up valuable memories to tell our children about the reunions and the journey, perhaps, from a far away place to where our ancestors settled first. Pictures taken at a reunion are a marvelous record in themselves and provide a quick impression of the way the family lived in the past and present.

Through recorded family history we are made to feel more keenly our relationships and become aware of a continuity in our lives. Our history seems more purposeful when we realize that we are an important link between the past and the future. Some of the family will and do contribute funds as well as history and stories and their pictures to have their family history printed. It would be gratifying to have ones history printed into book form, wouldn't it? I, for one, would love to see our history immortalized in print and placed in libraries where we are sure it will be preserved for future generations to read and enjoy and perhaps be motivated to carry on our traditions; some that have been handed down to us, and some of our own.

Lengthy writing sometimes is a bit difficult and annoying to some; tapes are an ideal way of getting your records. They can be typed later by the historian. The writing is not important, or is a professional style. The main thing is to get it recorded. Favorite music, literature, holiday traditions, special foods, favorite recipes, hobbies, gardening, raising animals and interesting occupations are among

the things that enhance a persons character. Copies of original art, poetry and writings would add interesting sidelights to a persons history.

Episodes from diaries would give the record a "you are there flavor". Unsolved mystries may be there as in the case of a relative who left home to "seek his fortune" and never returned or perhaps did make a fortune or a name for himself. Sad events, events of joy and inspiration, admiral talents of many of the family make interesting accounts of yourself and of your relatives.

I wish this consuming interest had seized us sooner. We could have had first hand accounts about our great and great-great grandparents directly from our older generations while they still lived. That is why I am determined that our children will not feel this lack. As new families are formed, up-to-date records should be kept, cherished and added to the history and after a time be redone and reprinted.

It is my hope that all will want to cooperate with us by sending histories and the pictures of your family and your ancestors so that we will have all of it in one place for the enjoyment and use of those who come after us. I shall continue to try to get all the records that I can, but when printing time comes and enough are interested in having this done, it will be too late to add late-comers to the records. So, even if you are not personally interested, your children may be some day and they will be happy that you did your part by taking a few minutes to fill in your form and mailing it to me today.

HONORABLE J.M. BARKER - "CHRIS"

The history of the County offers no parallel to Hon. J. M. Barker of Axton, Va., who was born about 1840 (1844) and who lived in this County all his active life. He belongs to the order of self-made men.

He was not given the opportunity for an education, but he learned to work with his hands and use his head to the best purpose.

The Civil War ended to find him possessed of just two things, brains and energy. He studied how to grow crops and improve his lands at the same time made money growing tobacco all along. He invested his savings in more land and continued this process till he was one of the largest land owners in the County and one of the biggest growers of tobacco in the State. He made it fine and sold it well and here was the secret of his prosperity.

He was elected Supervisor of his district and soon made Chairman of the Board and this position he held for many years. He and W. G. Burgess, the Supervisor of the Ridgeway District, were two of the ablest members that ever graced that body, and during their administrations the finances of the County were conducted on a business and satisfactory method for the whole County.

Gov. A. J. Hoge Tyler appointed him a member of the State Board of Agriculture and his his acts were so satisfactory that Gov. A. J. Montague appointed him a second term. His whole services were of high order and redounded to the welfare of the entire State.

He was hospitable, big-hearted, appreciative, and a great citizen and at home he was an ambitious father and glorified in the achievements of his family and friends. When he died the County lost one of the big men by nature made great by human endeavor.

NOTE: This was written into the Henry County History by Miss Judith Hill and was copied and sent to us from a library in Savannah, Ga., by Carol Sullivan.

As time permits, I am trying to visit the old cemeteries in the area where many of the older generations of the Barker Family are buried. So many of them are uncared for and are hard to find or get to. When frost kills the weeds and the leaves fall, I will continue my search.

RANK ISLEY CEMETERY

Formerly known as the Pankey Cemetery. In the cemetery are many unmarked graves. Those that have names and dates on the stones are:
Seward Frank Isley-1880 to 1947
Woodrow Isley - 1920-1969
Clifton Isley - 1924-1952
John P. Isley-1884-1957
Sherman Wilson-22 yrs 5-18-51
Lizzie Barker-1869-1938
Prior Barker-1866-1948
Abret Higgs-1948-53 yrs
Albert Wm.Isley-1898-1959
John D. Isley-1910-17
John E.Mabes-1844-69
Robert Lee Barker, Jr 1964-1968
Wm J. Keaton, son of J. L. Keaton and Nina Keaton, 9-13-15
Thomas Jackson Barker, 1899-1918
Alice M. Barker, 1884-1962
Charlie R. Isley-4-25-1878 to 1952
Pattie Cox 1880-1952
Douglas Dane Barker, 1932 to 1959
James E. Stewart, son of Robert and Liza-1905-1927
Infant son - Rob't and Liza Stewart, 7-14-09.
Oscar Stewart, 1897-1920
R.R.Stewart, 1869-1930
Lizzie, wife of Prior Barker, son of Henderson Barker, Abret Higgs was the son of John and John Mabes but did now know who his parents were. Alice Barker was daughter of Jothina Barker, daughter of Guilliam Barker, and Rank Isley. She was married to General Barker, son of Henderson Barker. If you know who the rest are, I would appreciate hearing from you so that Ican place them in the proper order in my records.

ALFRED BARKER CEMETERY

Essie Barker Davis, 1891-1910
Odessa M.Christley,1906-1943
Wm.P.Thornton, 1875-1949
Lucy B. Thornton,1886-1922
Carl A.BarkerJr, 1949-
James O. Barker, son of J.J. and Irene Barker, 1904.

Essie-dau of Alfred and Lucy Barker. Odessa, dau of Will Thornton and Lucy.
Wm. Thornton, husband of Lucy.
Lucy Thornton, dau of Alfred.
James O. Barker, as above
Who is Carl Barker, Jr?

Dorsey Wilson Cemetery

Nancy Carroll McDaniel, 5 yrs. 10 mos,19 days, 5-30-46.Grand child of Lottie and Posey Mc Daniel,(to be completed later)

GUILLIAM BARKER CEMETERY

Sarah Frances Barker,1821-1894.

Only grave marked - grown up in bushes and trees.

COL.MILLARD FILMORE BARKER, grave on St.Rd. 610 - near Aiken Summitt, Va

Sarah Frances Barker, wife of Guilliam Barker, dau of Joseph Barker and Salley McDaniel - ?
Col M. F. Barker, son of Guilliam and Sarah.

The Rank Isley Cemetery located on the road from Aiken Summitt to Irisburg. The Alfred Barker Cemetery located on road from Boxwood to Irisburg School. Wilson Cemetery on Road from Aiken Summitt to old Barker School House, near Boxwood. The Guill Barker Cemetery is just off 610 near Aiken Summit.

GEORGE BARKER CEMETERY

Mary Elizabeth Barker, 1858-1885.
Eliza A. Barker, 1873-1950
Ethel Barker, 1890-92
George H. Barker, 1856-1894.
Emma Sue Barker, 1868-1930

This cemetery is located on 610, just off Rt. 58, East at the original home of George Barker, now owned by Cecil and Gladys McDonald.

George Barker was the son of James Madison Barker. Mary E. Barker, was his first wife - she was Mary E. Howerton. Eliza was the daughter of Mary and George - Mary was called "Polly". Emma was the second wife of George and Ethel was their daughter. Also buried in the Cemetery are : Infant Shelton, 1921 dau of Mattie Barker Shelton and Lightfoot A. Wilson, (Howerton) 1837-1912, mother of Mary E. Barker.

SUBSCRIPTIONS received to date number about 110, to the BARKER NEWS.

FAMILY ORGANIZATION NAME is officially the DESCENDANTS OF THE BARKER AND ALLIED FAMILIES, HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Not many votes were received. Of those that were received the majority voted to name our organization as above. Perhaps there will be no confusion about which families we represent. All are welcome.

CHARLES BARKER OF VIRGINIA

By

Mary E. Barker Ford
Bishop, Calif.

According to family tradition it would seem our Rev. War ancestor was Charles Barker who served three years, enlisting on the 7th day of Sept., 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. John Ashby in the Regiment commanded by Col Thomas Marshall, and was discharged in October, 1780 at Hillsborough, North Carolina. He later resided in Pike County, Ohio. I need information about his wife and family. He had one son John, who served in the War of 1812 from Ohio and was one of the first settlers of Farmers Twp. Fulton County, Illinois. According to family tradition he operated the first ferry boat crossing the Illinois River at Peoria. John's first wife was Malinda Bull and they had four children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Joseph and John William Barker. He married the second time to Eleanor Rutledge and they had three children, George Rutledge, Charles Edward and James Lee Barker. Charles Edward married Mary Elizabeth Pontius and I am a descendant of theirs. Could my Charles Barker be one of the Barkers from Surrey?

DAVID CAMPBELL BARKER

David C. Barker, was born 28 April 1929, Axton, Virginia, the son of Cecil Wm. Barker and Margaret Campbell. He was married to Patricia Ann Robertson, in Miami, Florida, 6 Sept 1952. They have three children: Jeffrey Lee Barker, born 5 May 1954, Jennifer Lynn Barker, born 19 Apr 1956 and Janet Elizabeth Barker, born 14 Jan 1861, in Miami, Dade County, Florida.

David graduated from Miami High School, June 1947 and from University of Florida with a B.S. Degree in Physical Education, February 1953. He was Commissioned 2nd Lt., U.S. Army, February 1953, served in Korea, 1953 to 1954. At present time is serving as Major, U. S. Army Reserve. He is at present teaching school in Miami.

His family spent several weeks with David's mother, Margaret Barker in Martinsville, while David completed Phase 10 of the command and general staff officers course at the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

David is a grandson of George H. and Emma Dalton Barker. George was the son of James Madison Barker and is of the Allen Barker line.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

BEULAH DALTON BARKER, daughter of Emma Dalton and George H. Barker, who is now Mrs John Feldman, 1397 Rensselaer Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla. 32205, has been and still is very ill. Many who receive this paper will know her. I am sure she would like to hear from everyone and will appreciate a card to cheer her up. We hope that she will soon be well.

JUNIOR FULCHER, Pelham, N. C., son of Jack and Nannie Deathridge Barker, remains ill at his home. He is to return to the University of N.C. Hospital at Chapel Hill, N. C. very soon.

CLIFTON MARTIN, husband of Geneva Wilson Martin (g.daughter of Daniel Lee and Sarah E. Barker) has returned home after a lengthy stay at the Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County in Martinsville, where he under went surgery.

MEMBERSHIP in the Barker Family organization has increased to 64 with the payment of $1.00 dues by Mr, William Sanders Barker and his wife, Ann, of Eden, N. C. and Mrs Sam Barker, Axton, Virginia

EDEN, N. C.

Effie Barker Robertson, daughter of James W. Barker, who was the son of Sanders Lee and Lucinda Barker, wrote that she enjoyed the last paper received and was sorry that she and her family could not attend the Family Reunion in June. Her daughter, Mary Jane had an accident and was unable to attend. The following is an article that Mary Jane wanted printed in the paper for September.

BROKEN BONES AND A HEAVY CAST DID NOT STOP MARY JANE FROM GRADUATING.

Mary Jane Roberson, 18 yr old daughter of Mr and Mrs Calvin Roberson, Rt 1 Box 288-0, Eden, N. C. was in an automobile accident, Feb 14, 1970 after having attended a Valentine Party at the Church. She was crossing the main highway when she was struck down. She spent 35 days in the Danville Memorial Hospital , Danville, Virginia, suffering from two broken legs, a broken pelvis, and multiple scratches and cuts. After being in traction for several days, she was placed in an almost complete body cast. Mary Jane is a young lady with deeply religious convictions and did not waste time while in the hospital and at home. She stayed busy mainly with keeping up her school work. She graduated from the J. M. Morehead High School in Eden, N. C. June 3, 1970.

She was using a walker and a wheelchair at home and on June 19, her right leg collapsed. She was in traction and underwent surgery again in the hospital at Danville. She returned home again on July 22. She is at present doing fine.

She plans to further her education by taking nurses training at the Danville Memorial Hospital in Danville, Va. When she has completed her training, she plans to marry Steve Howard Burton, who is employed by the Cone Mills, Greensboro, N. C.

She is living at present with her family in Eden, N. C., which includes her parents. 2 sisters and 2 brothers: Nancy, Doris, Wayne and Darrell.

Mary Jane has met many people who have become her friends during her long illness. She has received more than 800 cards from these friends. She is using a walker and gets out ocassionaly, but is confined mostly to her home. She likes to receive cards and letters and spends the long hours reading and writing letters. She promises to write to all who write to her. It is her hope that each of the relatives will TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO write.

We know that Mary Jane will do well. She has the courage and determination not to let anything get her down.

N. HIGHLANDS, CALIFORNIA

Julia Proctor, daughter of Eliza Barker Jackson writes us that they received the Barker News and thought it was most interesting and enjoyable to read.

They were sorry that they missed the reunion, but were here in April for the funeral of her uncle John Aldridge, husband of Cassie Barker, sister to Eliza, and could not make another trip that distance so soon.

Eliza has been real sick since 1967 and required constant care. Julia and her mother and family are returning to Va. in October so that Eliza can be near her family and where she will be so much happier.

Julia tells me that her mother has pictures that she would like me to have for the history and they will see me when they return to Virginia and will bring the pictures.

I am looking forward to meeting Julia and her mother and really do Appreciate their interest as well as help with their family history and pictures .

We hope that Eliza's health will be so much improved that she and all her family will be able to attend our next reunion so that all the family can meet and get to k know them well.

The pictures and the histories are good to have but the most interesting part are the relatives that we meet and become close friends with.

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Mr and Mrs Gary Roach have a daughter born 10 November 1969, in Danville, Va. Her name is Wendy Dale Roach, Gary is the son of Glen A. Roach, Ridgeway, Va. Glen is the grandson of Elizabeth Ann Barker Roach.

GLENNS FERRY, IDAHO

Mrs Barbara Conrad has written to inquire about her family from N. C. who were also descended from the Barker Family. Sarah Barker, N. Wilkes County, N. C. married Abraham Buttery and was the parents of Barbara's G. grandfather. She cannot find where she was born or when or who her parents were. Her children were Matilda, b. 1911,William, Sernetty, Emily, Polly or Sally. Anyone ever hear of them?

AXTON, VIRGINIA

Maggie Dillon Roach, was born Jan 7, 1892, Henry County, Virginia, the daughter of Abraham and Nancy Jane Griggs Dillon. January 12, 1912, she was married to Howard Roach, the son of James and Eliz Barker Roach. She died September 7, 1970 in the Maple Lawn Nursing Home in Blackstone, Virginia, after a long illness. She was employed by the Henry County system and worked in the Axton School for 23 years. She was a member of the Axton Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter Girlie Roach Wilson, two sisters, Mrs Nellie Earles of Axton and Miss Delia Dillon of Martinsville; and one brother, Clarence Dillon of Roanoke, Virginia.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the McKee Funeral Home in Martinsville, Virginia by the Rev T. E. Lolley, Pastor of the Axton Baptist Church and Dr Chevis F. Horne, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Martinsville. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery in Martinsville.

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THE BARKER NEWS is not a history. Many had espressed interest in knowing more about the relatives who are still with us, so I decided that it might create more interest in the family history and the family reunion, if more was known about what we are trying to do. I hope to put some of the history in the paper from time to time, but nothing that will be complete, which would be impossible at this time, Not many families history is completed all the way down to the last member of the family with pictures as yet. Many have expressed their opinion of the paper and for the most part it has been favorable. Some have sent material to be printed in the paper, which I really appreciate and I hope more will be sending me news, clippings from their papers of interest, and comments pro or con about what we are trying to do. We would like to know of the births and deaths in each family, new marriages and any other information that would help to get the kind of news in the paper that the rest would like to know about your family.

Mrs Elizabeth White Barker in Laguna Hills, California writes: I've meant to write you long before this to tell you how very much I enjoyed "The Barker News"! When I think of the hours - I should say MONTHS - of work it entailed, to say nothing of the expense involved, I appreciate it all the more. I just don't see how you did it while holding down a job and running a household both of which I would consider full-time jobs.

MRS MARY BARKER HUDSON, West Point, Virginia, writes: I appreciated your nice letter and the Barker News very much. The News is so interesting and informative and I would not take anything for it. Am saving all copies, for they are a book within themselves. I just wish I could have known all the relatives through the years, and

most of all you. I think you are a genius and can do more than anyone that I know - and how proud I am of you! I do hope that I can attend the Reunion next year and am certainly planning on it.

MRS LEAH MOORE, Santa Maria, California, wrote: Hello and received your marvelous work on your paper, and was so pleased to read about your Reunion, and the one which is planned for next year. Certainly wish we could all come back there, but know it will be impossible, but will look forward to hearing about it in 1971.

Dear Folks:

My plans were to really work hard and send each of you a paper for Christmas that would include some of the past history, and news items sent to me since the last one, but like so many plans, they went astray. Things pile up that have to be done, like preparing for Christmas, which we celebrated early this year. Then, I had flu, ear and throat infections that lasted about a month.

If nothing happens, I will try to get another paper out soon and will include all the news and as much of the history as I have time for. There is so much of it now that it is hard to decide what would interest the family. Then, it may not mean much to some because they do not know many of the family, past and present. But, I will try.

My family, including my mother, Mrs Josephine Barker, met at my home on December 19 for our annual Christmas get-together. We had dinner and opened our gifts. We all enjoyed being together again and the grandchildren really did have a good time with each other and playing with their toys.

At this time of the year, I would like to express to all of you my thanks for your help with the history, pictures, news items for my paper, recipes for our booklet, financial help, letters of encouragement and letters expressing appreciation for the history, comments about the "Barker News" and most especially to Esther and John Wright for their donation of 10,000 sheets of paper and 1500 envelopes to help with the work.

Without the help of the family, I probably would have stopped long ago because it does take lots of time, money and patience to continue with the work on the history. There is so much more to do than I ever dreamed and unless you have had personal experience with starting from the beginning with nothing to go on but your own imagination, none of you would ever be able to realize what goes into a project of this kind. I now have at least 10 books - the large size note-books - on the Barker Family and am continually dividing families and starting other books. I am still working on present history and have done little research in the public records. All of those who have not sent their history, please do so as soon as you can for this holds me back from completing the present records so that I can go on further back. Unless, we have names and some idea of probable dates, it would be impossible to find them in public records.

My family and I wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year with the best of Health to enjoy the coming year.

We are:

Cecil Douglas McDonald, Jr and Edwina
Diana and Roberta, Seattle, Washington

Louis and Nancy McDonald - Karen and Timmy
Ridgeway, Virginia

Jim and Glenda McDonald - Richard and David
Martinsville, Virginia

Janet and Bill Tetterton - Beth and John
Emporia, Virginia

Mrs Josephine Barker - my mother
Axton, Virginia

Sincerely,

Gladys and Cecil McDonald

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Mrs Grayson Barker Grantham is the daughter of Gordon and lily Gravely Barker and lives in Charlotte, N. C. Her son, James also lives there and a buyer for the Eckerd Drug Stores.

Grayson wrote that she enjoyed the Barker News and hearing from all the families, some that she has not seen or heard from in many years. She enclosed a newspaper clipping with a picture of her son, James. Below is part of the article:

> One of America's leading retail drug organizations, from Charlotte, N. C. won the Squibb Products Company national award for the most creative advertising and display program promoting Products Company brands during the second annual "Presidents Sale" conducted earlier this year.
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> E. G. Green, Vice President of Eckerd Drugs, Inc., which operates a chain of 116 stores throughout the South, accepted a plaque on behalf of Eckerd Drugs. William Williamson Jr., Advertising Manager, and James Grantham, Buyer, the Executives responsible for the promotion, received individual awards for their outstanding advertising and display program during the chain-wide promotion.
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> Bill and Jim and their wives also won a 12 day, all expense paid trip to Mexico awarded by the Products Company.

Included in the clipping is one of the newspaper ads that earned special recognition for Eckerd Drugs, Inc. in Charlotte. We know his mother and family are very proud of James and so are all the rest of the Barker Family.

Prizes were awarded during a reception at the Hotel Regis in New York, June 4, 1970.

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DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Geneva Morrison is the daughter of Tom Roach, who was the son of Elizabeth Ann Barker. In her letter of October 26, 1970, she tells us that she really enjoys reading the News, although she does not remember most of the people we write about. She left Henry County when she was quite young. She and her brothers and sisters had not met since they were small Children. In October, 1968, they met with her brother, A. B. Roach in Danville. She hopes that she can come to our reunion but because of illness thinks she will not be able to make the trip.

Geneva remembers going to school at Axton and that Miss Lizzie Nunnely was her teacher. Garnett Barker was in her class but she did not know who her father was ((Gordon Barker). Some of the names mentioned in the paper are familiar to her but she cannot place them as to families.

I am sure that Geneva would like to hear from any of those who remembers her. Her address is: Mrs Geneva S. Morrison, 804 14th Avenue, Dodge City, Kansas 67801. Send her a Christmas Card and Write a nice Note. Thanks

AUGUSTA GEORGIA AND SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Nathan J. Barker, son of Jack Barker, who resides in Augusta, Georgis has been ill and was hospitalized for a short time. During the summer, he came with his nephew, Clyde Blackston and Mrs Blackston, to Pelham, N. C. to visit the brother of Nat, Junior Fulcher, who has been ill for quite some time.

They visited in Axton and were reunited with Mrs Myrtle Gauldin, sister-in-law of Nat's, after many years.

Myrtle and Mrs Josephine Barker visited with the J. M. Sullivan Family in Savannah and with Mr Barker and the Blackston Family in Augusta. Mrs Jerry Sullivan and her granddaughter Carol Sullivan returned with Mrs Josephine Barker at Axton. They visited Junior Fulcher and Mr Albert Wilson in Danville.

We were quite surprised later on to see Mr Jack Sullivan and his wife, Margaret appear in Axton. They visited Mrs Josephine Barker, Mr Fulcher, Albert Wilson and Myrtle G Gauldin. Jack had not seen Aunt, Mrs Myrtle Gauldin for at least 30 years. All of this has happened thru the Family History and our paper. Myrtle had been searching for the Barker and Sullivan Family for several years and found their addresses in the June issue of our paper.

All of these are first cousins of my father's that I had never met before starting the History of the Barker Family from Henry County. There are a great many more too numerous to mention here.

It has been a great and wonderful experience to meet the family of Jack Barker, who was my father's Uncle, as well as all the others that I have met thru the history of our family. I think that Jack Sullivan put it very well, after coming to our reunion for the first time and looking at my books and pictures, when he said, "I am beginning to know who I am." If more or us would come and meet our people and see what is being done, I think more would feel this way also. I never thought that the history of ones family could mean so much. It really is a wonderful experience and one that will always make life more meaningful to me and hopefully to all the Family.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

I have found a really wonderful friend, Mr Eddie Barker, grandson of George William Barker, who lives in Indianapolis. He recently went to the cemetery where John and Minerva Barker were buried and sent me the dates of their deaths. We still do not know where they should be placed in the family history. Esther Barker Ford, daughter of Fount Barker sent their pictures sometime ago.

In his letter to me, December 3, 1970, he gave me more information that is very valuable in my research for the family who lived and died in Indiana. He barely remembered Doctor and Betty Barker and where they lived. So recently, he and his wife, Mildred went to the Crown Cemetery which was close to Beech Grove on the Southeast side of the City. He found the graves of both Doctor and Betty.

Doctor Barker died November 19, 1939 at the age of 78. Betty was apparently, Mary Elizabeth Barker. She died and was buried on January 16, 1912, at the age of 44. She probably died on January 14. Doctor was the son of James Madison Barker. Betty was the daughter of Joe and Mary Price Barker.